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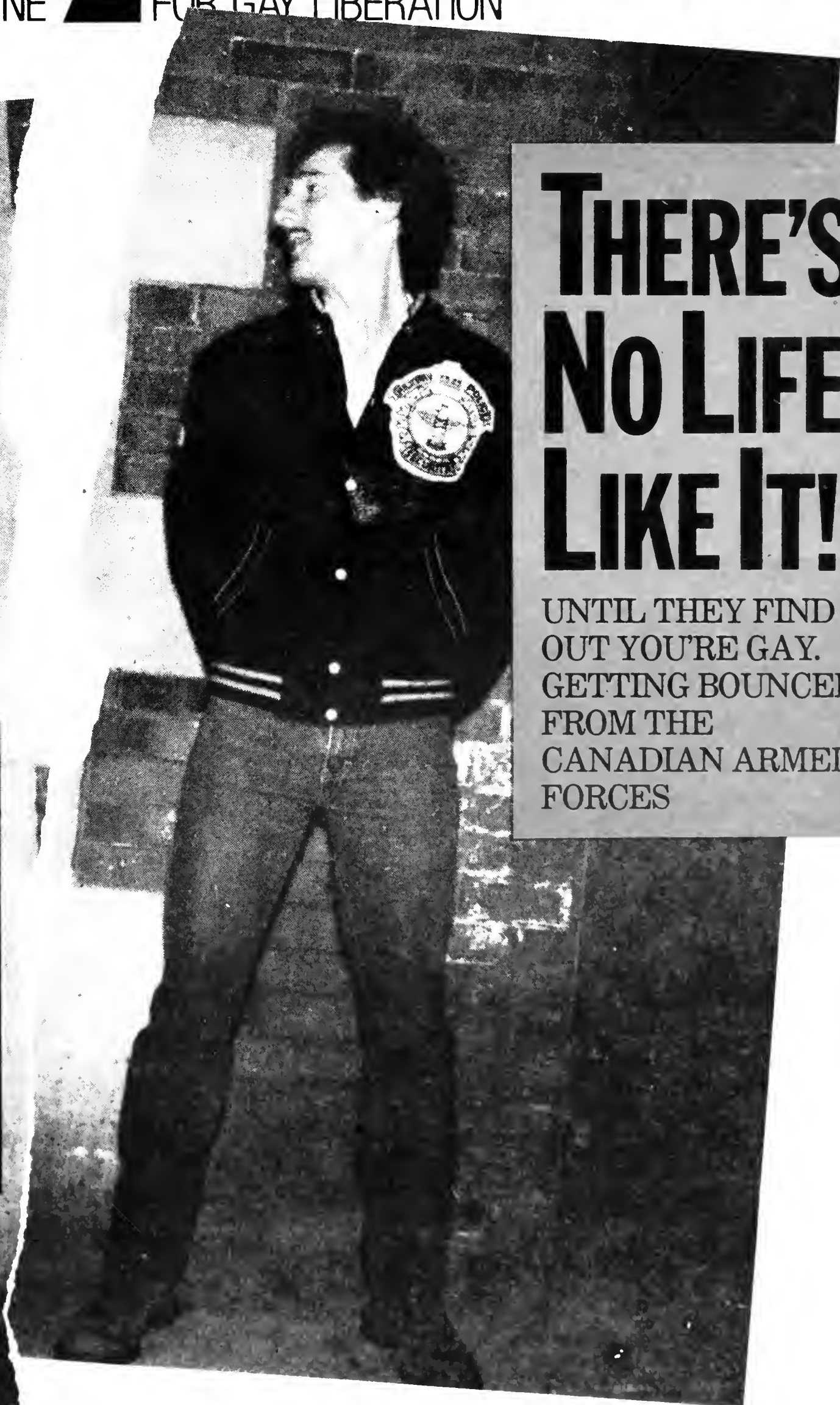
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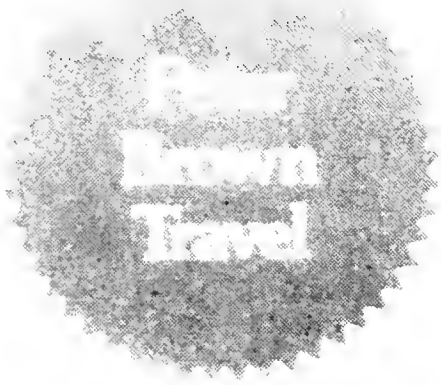
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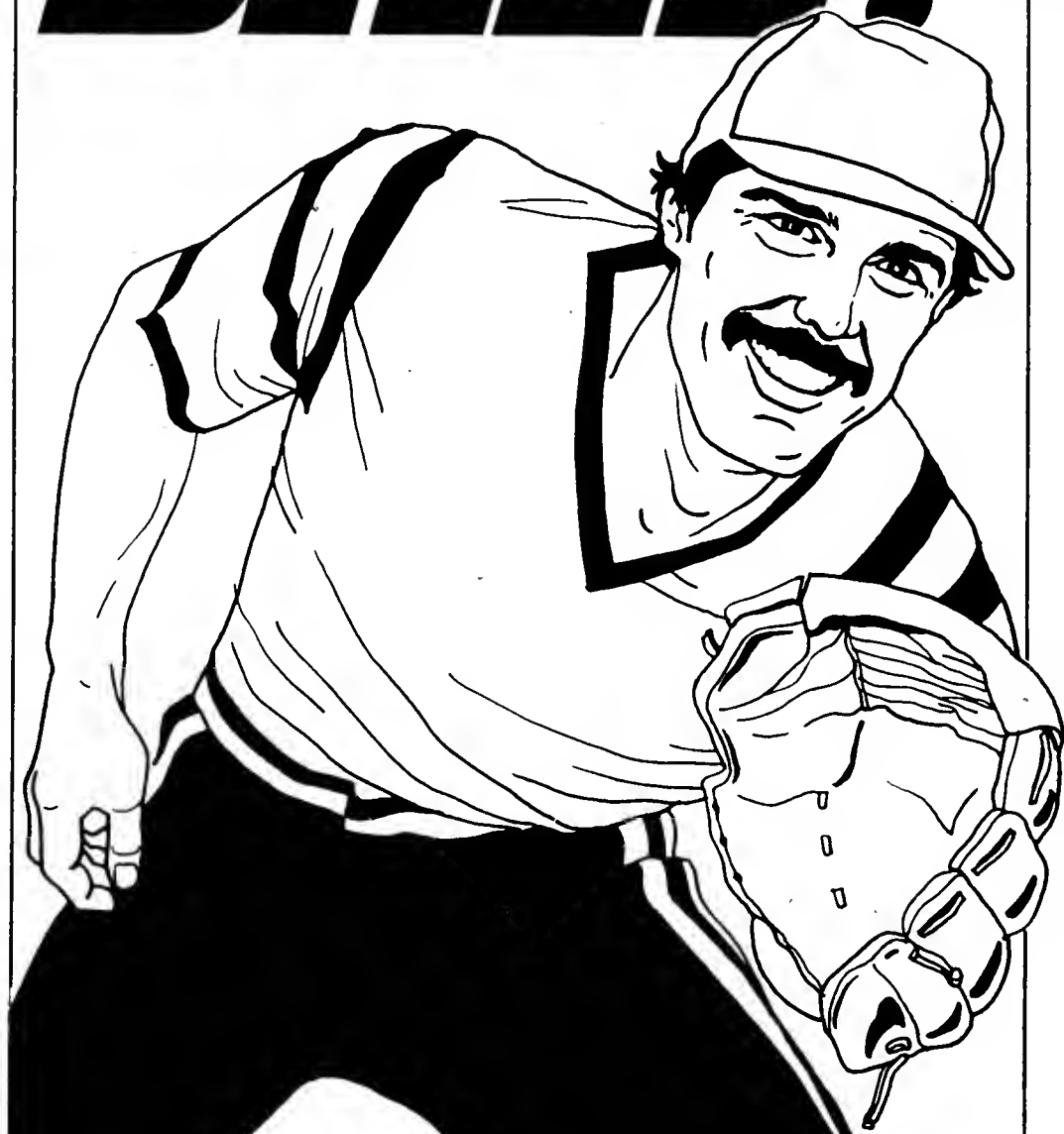
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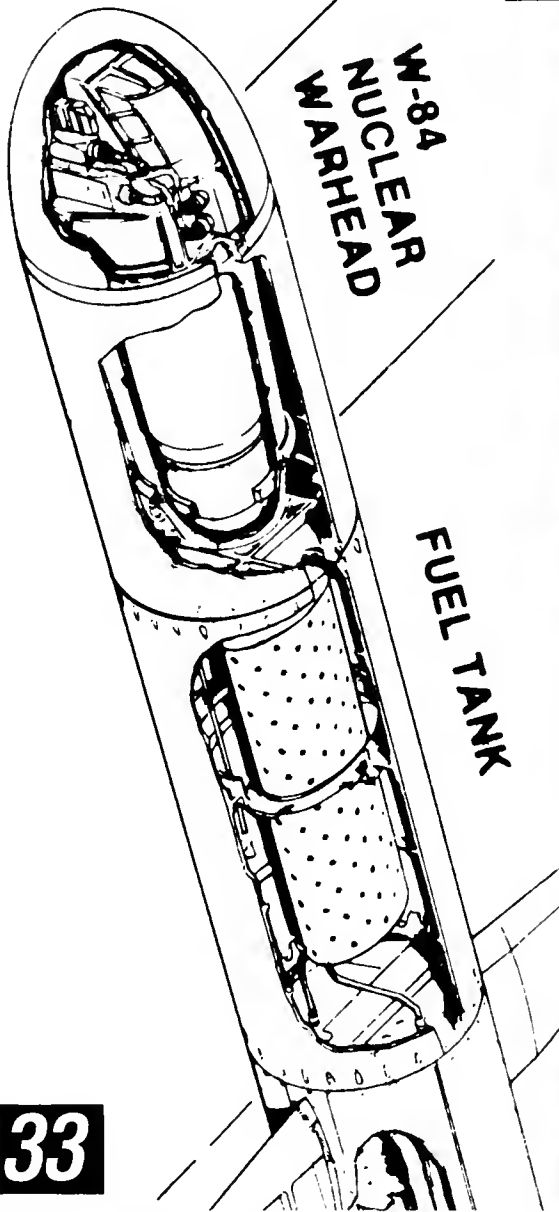
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Last year, more than a hundred lesbians and gay men, like Stéphane Sirard, above, were bounced from the Canadian Armed Forces. Glenn Wheeler writes on the men and women who want in — and the system that's dead set on keeping them out.

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It takes guts to form a gay community in a small, conservative city in central Alberta! Fay Orr reports on the gutsy men and women who are doing it.

Grandmother returns!

After time out from her regular column to write a few larger essays, Jane Rule returns with "So's Your Grandmother" — and a tale of her own grandmother — on page 9 of this issue.

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And the winner is....

Last issue, as part of a subscription promotion, we offered an "armful of books" as a prize for new subscribers. The name drawn from the drum February 1 was: Matthew Cross, of Montreal. Congratulations and \$154.70 worth of new books have been shipped off to Matthew — but we'd like to thank the many others who subscribed and answered our skill-testing question (how many sides does a pink triangle have?) with every number between 2 and 7, inclusive!

Three was the answer we had in mind, but we decided we'd have to accept 2 and 5 as well: a front and a back are legitimate sides!

The cover: Photo of Stéphane Sirard (and a poster for the 11 November anti-Cruise protest at Litton Industries, Toronto) by Gerald Hannon. Design by Rick Bébout.

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Blatant paternalism

As a gay male who generally enjoys the quality of journalism in *The Body Politic*, I was both shocked and angered by the way in which the editorial staff commented on the Wimmin's Fire Brigade (*TBP*, January/February). The editorial was blatantly paternalistic towards women, if not outrightly misogynist.

I wonder first of all how a collective composed overwhelmingly of men can permit itself to tell women how to struggle against their oppression (*ie*, patriarchy). Would *TBP* allow the women's community such decisive powers over the gay community? The editorial also states that the movement against violent pornography has not received wide popular support. Would *TBP* please publish any statistical data which supports such an assertion.

What incensed me most about the editorial was the manner in which feminist women who oppose the violent nature of most pornography were portrayed: "emotion-laden," "very traditional" and "anti-porn crusaders." Derogatory remarks such as these are reminiscent of the ways misogynist men have always labelled feminist women, treating them as "sexually frustrated women." Right-wing elements within the gay (male) press have repeated these remarks by suggesting that feminist women are "anti-sexual." The remarks also perpetuate the myth that women are not capable of rationalizing intellectually, instead reverting to their emotions. (By the way, why can't people rationalize effectively in an intellectual and emotional manner?)

Secondly, the editorial seems to lump some feminist women with the political right (religious fundamentalists who, for the most part, condemn pornography simply because it portrays sexual scenes and not because it attacks women). Right-wing elements within the gay press (*ie*, *The Advocate*) have followed the same logic by labelling women against violent pornography as "reactionary feminists" while defining S&M, fist-fucking and other forms of ritualized violence as "radical sexuality." By labelling certain feminists as "right-wing," gays defending pornography (and some forms of violence) have tried to situate themselves on the left of the political spectrum.

It seems to me that your editorial argues the "freedom" to produce and sell all forms of pornography (since the editorial does not distinguish between violent and non-violent pornography). The definition it gives to the word "freedom" resembles very much the way in which Ronald Reagan uses the word. Both allow people the "freedom" to exploit others, usually in a violent manner. By being primarily concerned about the availability of gay male pornography to serve gay men, the editorial staff has shown great insensitivity, and thus contempt, towards women. Women have been the most consistent supporters of gay rights. Yet the gay (male) press has not always been consistently supportive of women's rights.

As a last remark, I want to deal with the confusion the editorial seems to create by not distinguishing erotica from

pornography, as is done in the article written by Jackie Goodwin in the same issue. By failing to do so, it also fails to deal with the whole nature of pornography, inducing the reader to think that pornography necessarily represents a healthy sexual model. It thus fails to acknowledge the fact that patriarchy spills over into the gay male community. In the same manner, the right-wing elements of the gay (male) press have replaced the word "fist-fucking" with the word "hand-balling," trying to hide its violent nature (the word "fist" connotes a violent act), making it sound more like a fun sport.

I sincerely hope the opinions expressed by the editorial staff do not represent the views of most gay males.

Jacques Borque
Montreal

AIDS alternatives

Although I agree with most of Michael Lynch's article "Living with Kaposi's" (*TBP*, November '82), I am uncomfortable with what appears to be his elevation of promiscuity to the status of the organizing principle of the gay male community. Promiscuity, Michael says, is "the foundation of our identity" and it "knits the gay community together." This transforms promiscuity from a rather meaningless evaluative description of behaviour into an apparent doctrine which gays must defend by word and deed. I doubt, however, that the gay community will dissolve if gay men choose to reduce their risk of contracting AIDS by reducing their number of different sexual contacts until the illness is better understood.

I doubt seriously that I could be considered promiscuous by anyone's standard, but I have defended such behaviour before gay men, lesbians and straights as an equally acceptable choice many make. Now Michael appears to say it is not an alternative which we may choose for a time or vary in any of a number of ways, but a necessity. That is a poor analysis, and one which I fear can do all that Michael accuses Kramer, Fain, Mass and William of doing.

Marshall R McClintock
Richland, Washington

I think Michael Lynch's article on AIDS covered the problem with more humanity than anything to date. But perhaps the articles by Lynch and Bill Lewis underestimated the cause for alarm in cities where the problem is bad.

In New York City, a gay rock musician my age had been known in the Village for years. Suddenly last spring, two weeks after performing in concert, he died in St Vincent's Hospital. AIDS was the cause. During the summer a young handyman acquaintance was supposed to put a fancy antenna on my roof. It never got done because he was in hospital with pneumocystis and has recuperated cautiously ever since. A popular disc jockey at a local New Wave club is also an AIDS patient. With so many reminders all around, panic doesn't seem so foolish.

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Of course, it's easy to understand a more restrained attitude in a city where the problem is not yet serious. Even in a panic, one believes everything will be all right. In sickness, one must believe it.

Over a year ago, I volunteered for an ongoing AIDS study at New York's Roosevelt Hospital. Though I dread hospitals and needles, I find this a great alternative to worry and idiotic guilt. After all, this is strictly a health problem. All of us should live our lives according to the facts and our own judgment... and leave the moralizing to the homophobic press.

*Jerry Rosco
New York City*

Over the last ten years I have followed with extraordinary interest the terrible battle that *The Body Politic* and the Canadian gay community have been waging against the Ontario government. I've come to expect professional, intelligent journalism in your pages that doesn't pander to mediocre standards or to the attitude that if something is good enough to read it's good enough to print.

So I was extremely disappointed with *TBP*'s shrieky, bathetic coverage of the ongoing health crisis (see "The Case Against Panic," November 1982), and especially offended to see the publication I work for — the *Philadelphia Gay News* — accused of "using" Nathan Fain to help spread a "moral message" in covering these critical health problems. Frankly, I'm not interested in spreading a moral — or immoral, for that matter — message to anyone and I resent people who presume to lecture me. If anything, the 1980s demand that we stop spoon-feeding politics to one another in arrogant ways making for rigid, mechanical, judgments. *Dialogue* does not mean *diatribes*.

I think that, in all fairness, since *TBP* has decided to level a fiery critical finger at American gay print media, it should face up to some serious problems in its own editorial content. Specifically:

1. Why has it taken the collective fifteen months (since July 1981) to follow up on the original *New York Times* news report with cover story treatment of the health crisis?

2. What fee did *TBP* disburse to its writers for the long hours they poured into production of its November issue?

3. Why did *TBP* focus on American citizens for virtually its entire feature story on the personal problems caused by Kaposi's sarcoma (KS)? Buried at the end of your coverage of this topic is the news that eight gay men in Canada are currently being treated for KS. Aren't Canadian readers — certainly the mainstay of *TBP*'s subscribers — entitled to any reportage of their own problems? If an American gay publication were to cover a major health problem and only talk to Canadian citizens, can you imagine what the response of its readers would be?

4. When will *TBP* begin a regular health column for the benefit of its readers?

Beyond these points, I think *TBP*

should apologize to Doctor Lawrence Mass for the utterly crass, irresponsible and totally inappropriate manner in which it has caricatured his work — which, like the long hours spent by *TBP* staffers, has been done virtually without payment. Would it be appropriate in a political essay to describe Dennis Altman as an arrogant academic hack writer? Of course not, but that's about the level of Michael Lynch's snide description of Larry Mass's credentials ("medical mystification assured").

I think that Mr Lynch could have written a much more incisive feature if he had actually bothered to contact Nathan Fain and Lawrence Mass (or any of the editors at the *New York Native*, *Philadelphia Gay News*, or the *Advocate*). Then he might have actually done some of the basic homework of a journalist: asked questions, looked for answers.

He might have learned that Nathan Fain might have had some objections to the way his material was published, or that Larry Mass is not a stereotypically conservative doctor who automatically inveighs against promiscuity. He might even have discovered the tremendous problems that face gay editors in finding intelligent writers who are capable of handling the health crisis in a sensitive way. Instead, all he offers us is a long, sermonizing essay.

*Rich Grzesiak, Assistant Editor
Philadelphia Gay News*

The collective responds:

Rich Grzesiak has indeed been a long-time supporter of this magazine in its legal battles, and we've very much appreciated that. We'd like to answer the questions he's put before us as editors.

1. It took us three months — not fifteen — to follow up on the July 3 *New York Times* report. A full-page article on the subject by Drs Bill Lewis and Randy Coates appeared in the October 1981 issue and was featured on the cover (where we, too, were guilty of referring to "gay" cancer).


2. None of the people who write for *TBP* are paid for their material.

3. Michael Lynch wrote about US citizens for the simple reason that these were people he knew and the United States (especially New York City) was the place in which AIDS and the public responses to it were serious enough to be matters of political as well as personal concern. In the fourth paragraph of his accompanying article, Bill Lewis noted that ten confirmed cases of AIDS among gay men had been reported in Canada by the end of September 1982, and that nine of these men had died. We could have written about these people only if we could have found them, and at that time we couldn't.

4. We've been trying to start a regular health column for some time, but have yet to find anyone willing to commit him- or herself to such an ongoing project on an unpaid basis.

Finally, we don't doubt the diligence or good intentions of Dr Lawrence Mass, the editors of the *Native* or *Philadelphia Gay News* or others Michael Lynch

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named in his article, and it's true that Michael could have called them to ask what they'd meant by what they said and did in print. But in an analysis of the effects of media handling of any issue, it is perfectly appropriate to look at nothing more than what appears on the page. That's what readers see; that's what has particular effects — whether or not those effects are the ones the writers and editors intended.

Michael Lynch responds:

While his letter was in the mail, Rich Grzesiak phoned me at home to commission (for pay) a piece on the AIDS debate for his own paper. If I really did what his letter accuses me of, why does he want to publish me?

Copyright gossip

In his December column, Ian Young has questioned whether we treated an Australian group fairly in basing our book *Young, Gay and Proud!* on theirs. A really thorough reply to his column would be very long, but I do wish to make a few important points.

1. I tried to work with the Melbourne group which wrote the original book. They consistently failed to answer my letters, of which I sent at least four or five. (This happened four years ago so I don't remember all the details. I do remember that I only got one message from them on the subject, a very brief one which essentially said: "Detailed letter is coming soon." To this day no such letter has arrived.)

2. I offered to pay a royalty on the US edition of the book. No response.

3. The authors gave no indication in the book that it was not meant to be in the public domain. There was no copyright notice (which, contrary to what Young implies in his column, could have been done in the name of the group rather than of any individual, thus preserving everyone's anonymity). Or they could have printed a notice explaining why the book was not being copyrighted, but requesting that it not be reprinted without their permission — I would have honoured such a request. Or they could have answered my letters on the subject. But they did none of these things, and expected me to know what they wanted.

4. Coincidentally, the Australian edition of this book includes a photo that I took years ago, and chose not to copyright. That's fine with me; I intended people to use it. But what they did with my photo is in principle identical to what I did with their book. For them to do one, then complain about the other, is completely inconsistent.

5. Finally, if Ian Young is so concerned about fairness, why didn't he contact me for my comments before he wrote his column?

*Sasha Alyson
Alyson Publications
Boston*

I have to take exception to Ian Young's remarks concerning Alyson Publications's reprint of *Young, Gay and Proud!* As Young notes, the trade paperback reprint costs \$2.95. Any bookseller can tell you that the publisher is not making a profit, at least not as "profit" is commonly understood. So Alyson is not ripping anybody off financially.

Two years ago I placed our bookstore's third order with the Melbourne authors and first publishers of *Young, Gay and Proud!* and was referred by them to Alyson Publications. They did not mention any resentment they might

have had about the second edition, though it would have been appropriate to have done so.

Unsupported speculations about Alyson's and the Melbourne group's motives and attitudes are inappropriate in a newspaper. Young has made accusations based on gossip that questions people's honesty and integrity. Why didn't Young report what the Australians and Alyson have to say?

Young's slanders are made against the principal publisher of books for young gays — *Reflections of a Rock Lobster, Young, Gay and Proud!* and the new *Handbook* come to mind. The same people have distributed many of the best new lesbian, feminist and gay men's books. They are a tiny organization (five or six people), fragile as a gay bookstore or a gay paper — and as tough. They are plainly dedicated to producing and distributing for gays *et al* the best literature they can find. They are not getting rich.

Young's irresponsibility in this case aside, his work is certainly to be applauded, not only for his journalism but for his books, especially the new, second edition of *The Male Homosexual in Literature*, at \$20 cloth. It's an invaluable resource that Alyson might have been able to produce at a lower price and at a reasonable discount for booksellers.

This movement has to get over its inclination to vicious gossip.

*Ed Hermance
Giovanni's Room
Philadelphia*

Ian Young replies:

It is disappointing that Mr Alyson does not make the one point one might have hoped for: he does not say that he has dispatched a cheque for (at least token) royalties to the Australian collective. As for Mr Hermance, before he lectures me on my choice of publishers, he should remember that when I compiled the first edition of *The Male Homosexual in Literature*, Alyson Publications did not exist and Scarecrow Press was (as it is now) the leading publisher of bibliographies in North America. Scarecrow was eager to publish my book, was a pleasure to work with — and pays me standard royalties.

Not a dinner party

It is unfortunate that the December '82 issue of *TBP* has such skimpy coverage of the activities against Jerry Falwell's trip to Toronto. *The Globe and Mail* had more detailed and informative coverage than *TBP*. Particularly notable for its omission in *TBP* is the broad opposition to Falwell's visit expressed at the press conference on October 21, which included Wally Majesky of the Metro Toronto Labour Council among others. Fighting the right wing is an important issue and deserves more informed coverage than this.

This scanty coverage is particularly unfortunate given that in the same issue a criticism of the demonstration entitled "Antisocial rabble" is printed in the letters page. The author, Steven Spencer, rather than making constructive suggestions on how similar events could be improved in the future, presents us with an ultimatum — "It may be the last march in support of lesbian and gay rights which I attend."

Steven faults the organizers of the protest for alleged "anti-religious" remarks. Steven does not seem to realize that the event was organized by the Fight the Right Network, which includes feminists, lesbian and gay activists, disarm-

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ament activists and concerned Christians and Jews. Progressive religious people were involved in organizing and participating in the protest.

He faults the organizers for "anarchist slogans" and "offensive language." It is not entirely clear to us what Steven suggests for dealing with these remarks and slogans. Is he suggesting that those with "anarchist slogans" be excluded from the march or drowned out by marshals using megaphones? If so, who else should be excluded or shouted down? Who would decide what is "offensive"?

When building for a united action that brings together diverse communities against the common enemy of the right wing, such an approach is suicidal. Censoring activities can only cause division. All those agreeing with the basis of unity for the action are to be encouraged to demonstrate in order to bring together as many people as possible.

Steven feels that if we act in a dignified and respectable manner some of our oppressors will listen to us. In our struggles against oppression our experience is different. We can rely only on our own struggles to gain our demands, not acceptance or tolerance from the powers that be. Demonstrations are not dinner parties where we can try to rationally convince our opponents of the justice of our cause. They are occasions for us to show our determination, power and anger. We feel it is impossible on demonstrations to do what Steven suggests — to separate our anger from our human dignity. We feel that, rather than separating the various aspects of our lives, on demonstrations we can bring together our dignity and our anger, and also have a good time.

Steven charges that on this demonstration we gave our enemies "weapons to use against us." On the contrary: the press coverage we received was by and large positive. Contrary to the impression Steven gives, most people thought the action was wonderful, bringing to them more energy for the many battles against injustice in which they are engaged.

Shelley Glazer, Gary Kinsman
Head marshals, Oct 24 demonstration
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Offensive imagery

We are both outraged and discouraged by your decision to run the ad for Toronto Custom Leathers, tucked away as it was on page 48 of the January/February issue. The ad features a woman in a black leather "bra," her arms bound behind her head, a rope around her neck, blindfolded and ball-gagged. It seems nothing so much as an image lifted from heterosexual hard-core porn, though presumably it is meant to appeal to lesbians. How this ad speaks to lesbians who might be interested in leather or sex toys is questionable. Much of the literature by proponents of lesbian s/m refers to how s/m practices "empower" women. This woman is a prime example of powerlessness; stripped of her senses, without relation to any sexual partner or

act, unable to move, she is in an erotic vacuum.

Compare this with the ad opposite for Montgomery Leathers. The man appears confident, in control and ready for action. His harness is a mere decoration, not a fetter.

While in your editorial you simplistically encourage "anti-porn" feminists to "be openly creating and publishing an alternative sexual imagery," you yourselves condone a male-created, hackneyed and oppressive image of women's sexuality.

We understand that the debate between gay men and lesbian feminists around pornography is a heated and difficult one, not solved by easy answers or by trashing. If *TBP* is sincerely interested in attracting the support of more lesbians, we would suggest more responsible collective policy toward advertising and image creation. We feel that any attempts toward involving lesbians in the paper are so much lip service when accompanied by bombastic anti-feminist editorials and offensive ads.

Pamela Godfree
Susan Sturman
Toronto

Clarification

In response to Jim Monk's comment in his North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) Conference report (*TBP*, December '82), we would like to point out that Gay Fathers of Toronto did not in fact cite NAMBLA's membership of CGRO as a factor in their decision to resign from the Coalition.

The text of their letter reads: "After careful review of our priorities and programs for the coming year, we have decided not to renew our membership in the Coalition."

Christine Donald
for the Executive Committee,
Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario
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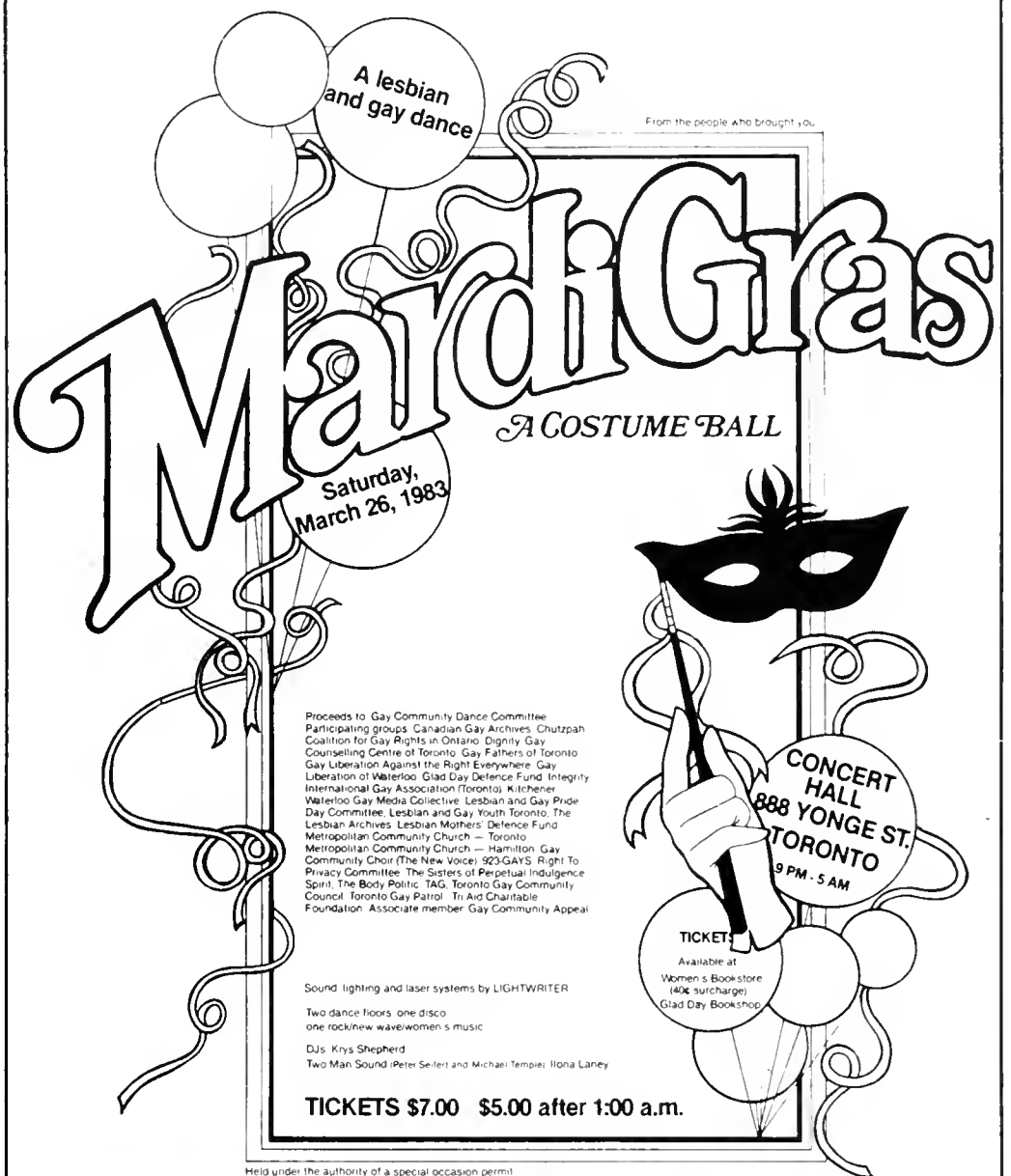
I am a lesbian with a physical handicap and bound to a wheelchair. I have recently found that there are few gay establishments that are accessible for wheelchairs and those that are are often open mainly for men. I have also found that those places which are accessible are frequently made unpleasant by the managements because of their reactions to my disabilities.

I would like to be able to go into women's clubs and join other activities in the gay community of Toronto. I would like to meet other lesbians, and feel if these groups were more accessible that I would be better able. I would also like to encourage other gays who are handicapped to speak out about the problems we have.

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When you first walk into a joint, any joint, you are what we call a "fish."

As a fish, you have little, if anything, as far as material goods go — no smokes, no luxury items like shampoo, no candy or pop and, for a few days, no money. If you are Gay, or just young and cute with tight buns, this is the time when you are the most vulnerable. And there's always someone (like me) to take advantage of the situation.

When you come into the joint, you go through the admissions area, where you surrender all your clothes and personal belongings and are issued prison garb. You are then usually taken to the "fish-tank" (orientation unit), which is supposed to provide you with information about all the programmes and rules. They tell you about the joint rules, but not the "con" rules. That's a shame for you, really, but then again, my life would be more difficult otherwise.

In every joint, inmates have a pipeline filled with information — you haven't finished changing into your prison gear before some of us know who you are, how much time you're doing and what you're in for. Information doesn't come just from other inmates who knew you in the jail you came from. Some of our best sources are guards and other staff members. After I've been in a joint for a while, I know the right bull to go to to have him call the records office for information on any inmate. That gives me the advantage. Over you.

So, you're in here now. You have a cell, sheets, mattress, blankets and a couple of packs of cigarette tobacco. Your first night out in the exercise yard you're a bit scared, so you hang around the guys you came in with, or get together with some other guy you knew in the remand jail and get him to show you the ropes. Or you wander around aimlessly. Meanwhile, I sit back and watch.

Why do I just watch? Easy. We have a code to follow. If you hook up with someone else right away and I know that he swings, I can scratch you from my list of possibles. If you just wander around like a lost soul, fine. I want you to realize just how lonely it could be for you. I want you to see all the goodies in the canteen, and I want you to want.

Later, after I have conducted all the research I need on you, including a survey of guys who know you from the street or from remand, I'll drop by your cell. I have any number of "reasons" for talking to you. In one joint I was the school clerk in charge of testing and putting guys in classes — if you wanted to go to school, you had to go through me. In another joint I was the president of a club, so I'd come down and talk to you about joining. In still another joint I was on the inmate committee, so I'd drop by and make sure that you knew the rules, and that you had all your questions answered, etc.

While I'm chit-chatting, I'll drop a few hints about "being taken care of," ask you if you need anything — a carton of smokes, some shampoo or just some money to buy pop and a hot dog.

However, the game isn't over yet. I do

a bit of back-door politicking and make sure that some of the guys you rap with tell you, as time goes on, that I am "rich" (a joint term meaning that I can afford to give away a few cartons of smokes, or can arrange for dope for you or just keep you in "goodies"), and that I'm "Ethel."

One of two things is going to happen. Either you're going to catch the play and go along with it, or you're going to tell me to drop dead. Either way I win. If you go along with the play, I keep you happy and you keep me happy. If you don't, then don't expect any favours from me in the future unless you are willing to pay for them, and pay in my currency — sex.

I have the advantage. I can do a lot for you... or nothing. And usually I am in a position to ensure that if I decide that you're going to get sweet fuck all, then, believe me, that's what you're going to get.

I also have time on my side. No matter how long you're doing, you're eventually going to have to come to me for some favour or another, be it help with writing your appeal, parole application or complaints, or getting into a school programme or being allowed special visits for a social event. Sometime or another, you're going to need me.

Every man has a price. You just have to meet mine, kid.

"Noosey" is a friend of mine. Now, Noosey is not the cutest thing in the world. But, what the hell, I was after his buns. Noosey needed a few bucks from time to time to cover gambling debts, drug purchases, and just to have extra spending money. Noosey came to Ethel. I let him have the money — all the money he wanted knowing full well that I'd never see it again.

"Hey, Noosey come here for a sec willya?" I call one day. He ambled over in his tight pants and muscle shirt. He looks at me with quizzical eyes. "Look, Noosey, I don't want to sound like a bug or anything, but hell, you know that you owe me over fifty bucks already?" (Fifty bucks in here is like five hundred out on the street.)

"Well, I'll get it to you, Ethel. You know that."

"Yeh, but Noosey, listen, I gotta have it right away, or I lose out on getting this other kid. So if you can't come up with it by tomorrow, maybe you can think of another way to pay me off, eh?"

It was a good arrangement. Noosey kept me happy and I kept him in money.

I was in a joint once where I was on the inmate committee and was also the school clerk. "Mike," a buddy of mine, was on the committee as well, and we used to meet with all the fish that came into the joint. Mike's usual introduction included all the usual bullshit about doing your own time and where you'd be living and the rest of that crap, but he'd end up with, "And if you want to get into school or get your cock sucked, see the Professor. He'll help you with both." And then he would point to me.

Who said advertising doesn't pay?

Gotta go. There's a new load of fish coming in, and one of them is eighteen, blond, and used to work Yonge Street. Hmm. I wonder if he smokes Export A. □


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My little grandmother who had everything wrong with her — arthritis, phlebitis, anemia, to say nothing about her nerves — said to me, "The one thing I don't want to do is lose my mind. As long as I have my mind...." She used it mostly for playing cards, the horses, memorizing the words to her favourite songs and bugging my mother. Nevertheless, she thought her mind was important to her.

And she did, in the last year of her life, lose it. At first she only wrote cheques on banks where she didn't have

"Once the very worst has happened, there's nothing left to be afraid of.... The energy that fed anxiety can be turned instead to work, to love, to telling the truth whose ring is very sweet after years of silence and lying."

accounts and phoned us in cities where we didn't live, but gradually hallucinations took over her days and nights, mostly in bizarre sexual forms. Then she was convinced she was in a motel or rest home or hospital and begged to be taken home, not to the house where she then, in fact, lived, but to her childhood home, to her parents, sisters and brother. Reclusive as a result of illness and fear, she hadn't gone out socially for years. People kept sending her invitations because she refused them with flowers. Now, after twenty years, she began to accept those invitations, and members of the family had to take her to garden and cocktail parties of the retired military, the garden club. She swung in on the arm of a grandchild, wielding her cane, found a place to sit and raffled off the cherry in her old fashioned to other bemused and ailing old people.

Once, on the way home from one of those parties, she said to me, "Do you remember how I used to say to you I was afraid of losing my mind?"

"Yes," I answered cautiously.

"Well, it's not so bad," she replied.

"I think, is that the world I was afraid of for all those years? Is that all it is?"

Divorced when it was not the thing to be divorced, married a second time to an alcoholic she wouldn't divorce because a second time round would prove she was at fault, my little grandmother had to lose her mind to lose her shame, to be

free of all that social garbage. Her last night of consciousness, she sang every song she'd ever known and my mother sang with her, everything from "Dixie Dan, ambling, rambling, gambling minstrel man" to "You'll Never Walk Alone" and "To Kiss in the Sunlight," two favourites of mine as well, since I was also afraid of my loneliness and the secrecy imposed upon my heart.

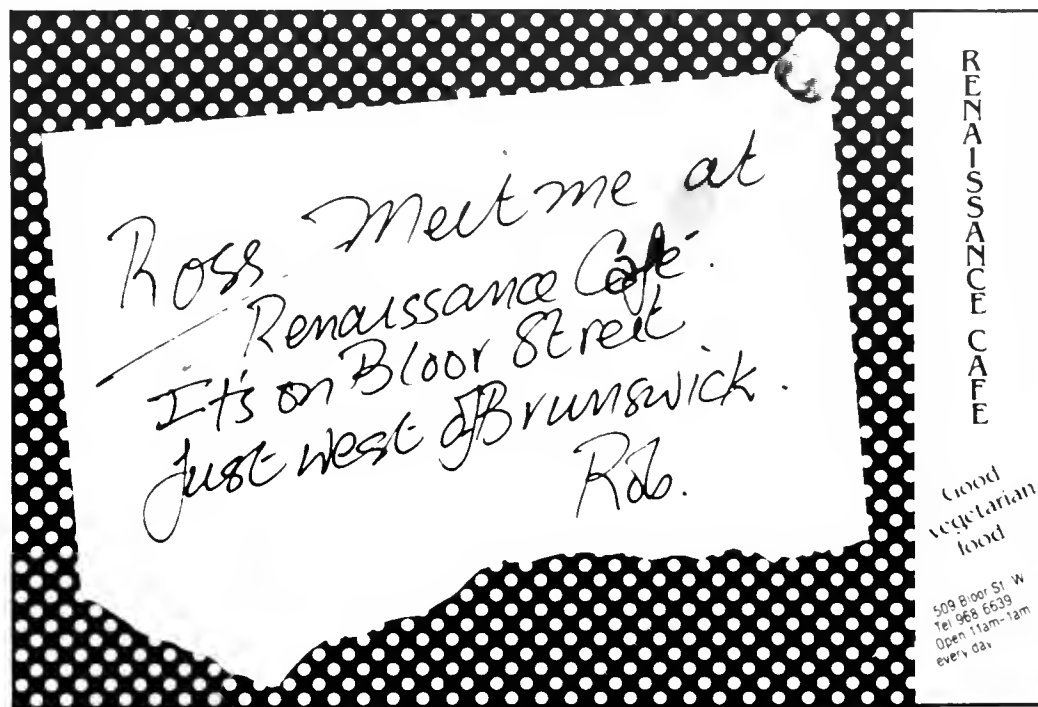
As I watch so many of my friends reclusive in fear defending their silence and lies, I understand that I am, in an odd way, my little grandmother gone crazy, not to be free to die but to be free to live. I want to say, in my turn, "It's not so bad. The terrifying, judgmental world out there isn't all it's cracked up to be. It can be maneuvered with a kid and a cane." Because of my little grandmother, I didn't wait to be lame as I sometimes am now to walk in the world. Her beloved bad example sent me crazy brave when I still walked without help. Like her, I was afraid, and I fell, broke courage, bones, but because of her, I knew it was my fear that crippled, nothing else.

Nearly everything that I was once deathly afraid of has happened to me. I lost a beloved woman to her moral scruples. No one would publish my work for ten years, and I was nearly as frightened of my eventual success as I was of my failure. When my third novel was finally accepted by a publisher, I had no idea how much of my world I was risking. I kept my teaching job. Of my family, only my younger sister wanted to disown me for a while. The several friends I lost were gay and afraid to be seen any longer in my company.

I had published several novels and *Lesbian Images* before national magazines began doing profiles of me, ostensibly because I am a writer but really because I am a lesbian. Every time one of these articles comes out, I get letters: hate mail, cries for help, love letters, religious tracts. Many more people read journalistic junk than they do books. The greatest horror for most closeted people is to be publicly exposed, never again to be known as a writer or teacher or parent but always to be identified as a lesbian and therefore discredited. The fear is far worse than the fact. Even the polls say that more than fifty percent of Canadians think gay people should have civil rights, and most people don't care much one way or the other. The parents it would kill live on, and siblings gradually gain new tolerance and understanding. Each year the sexual orientation clause is added to another union contract. If all else fails, there are always jobs at the post office.

The benefits are enormous. Once the very worst has happened, there's nothing left to be afraid of that isn't the common lot. The energy that fed anxiety can be turned instead to work, to love, to telling the truth whose ring is very sweet after years of silence and lying.

If there is an anticlimax in finding that one is not after all a martyr, but, in words of one of our since dead national magazines, "simply a human being," it is a letdown we can live with happily. "Is that all it is?" my little grandmother asked. That's all. □



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Glad Day Bookshop goes on trial for sex magazines

Porn control: casting a wider net

These are filthy books, aren't they?", Crown Attorney Sal Muranda barked as he pointed to a large pile of sexually explicit magazines, both gay and straight, that had just been placed before a Toronto Provincial Court judge by defence lawyer Dianne Martin. It was the second day of the Glad Day Bookshop obscenity trial and Martin was attempting to show just what kinds of erotic magazines the community was currently tolerating.

Judge David Vanek's task at the January 28 trial was to decide whether assistant manager Kevin Orr was in possession of obscene material when Metro Toronto Police raided the store April 21, 1982. Lawyer Martin argued that the two magazines seized from Glad Day, *The Leathermen* and *Come Watch*, were no more explicit than other readily available periodicals. Testimony revealed that the two magazines were on sale at 49 other retail locations.

Orr was the only person charged during the visit of Morality Bureau officer Sgt Thomas Stephen, who explained it was the \$9.95 price stickers that brought the two magazines to his attention. "I usually go for the price," Stephen said. "That's my yardstick."

At the time of his arrest, Orr was working at the store only as a part-time \$112-a-week clerk. Martin argued that Orr therefore had no control over the magazines beyond placing them on the shelves.

Martin's defence also challenged the vagueness of the obscenity section of the Criminal Code. She illustrated the problems this vagueness causes by calling Donald Watterson, the distributor of the two magazines, to the stand. Watterson recounted his difficulties in setting up his distribution business five years ago because he couldn't determine in practical terms what the law meant by "obscene."

First, Watterson approached Project P, the joint city-provincial police anti-pornography unit, and offered to submit for approval samples of magazines he was proposing to import. Project P refused to cooperate but warned Watterson, "If you get too close, your fingers will get burned."

Watterson then approached Canada Customs, who agreed to assist him. He testified customs clearance had been received for the magazines that were later charged. "We are faced with a situation where a citizen cannot know when he is breaking the law," Martin concluded.

Martin finally argued that the community would have greater tolerance for magazines sold in a clearly marked specialty store. Photographs introduced as evidence showed that Glad Day's second-floor location and pink neon sign would prevent the casual and unsuspecting passerby from stumbling upon it unawares.

Crown Attorney Muranda argued that Orr's general knowledge of the magazines' contents, the fact that he counted them when they arrived and could regulate who bought the magazines was enough to establish the technical point that he "possessed" them.



What the policemen saw: "Obscene" mags seized in Toronto are put to the tolerance test

Muranda emphasized the fact that young children coming into the store with their parents could glimpse the sexually explicit covers of *Come Watch* and *The Leathermen*.

The decision in the Glad Day case was reserved for February 18. If convicted, the 21-year-old Orr faces a maximum sentence of six months imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1000.

The trial of Kevin Orr is yet another illustration of how attempts to legislate morality, in the form of laws that regulate pornography, can become convenient tools of social control. Why, for

example, was Orr charged, and not any of those forty-nine other clerks who were "possessing" the same material?

While the legal standards by which obscenity is determined are supposed to be Canada-wide, the material charged is remarkably inconsistent.

Police in York Region, for example, have charged three stores following the ruling January 18 that a gay correspondence magazine, *Blue Tricks*, was "deeply obscene." Provincial Court Judge A E Charlton convicted Betty Sharkey, owner of the Book Nook in Aurora, with the possession and sale of

obscene materials. The judge expressed his concern for the dehumanization of the models and the fact that they looked "lonely."

At present a police officer may lay an obscenity charge if she or he has reason to believe that a magazine violates the Criminal Code's definition of obscenity — "the undue exploitation of sex and or... sex, horror, cruelty, and violence." *Blue Tricks* contains personal ads interspersed between photographs and ads for sex toys and other magazines. It seems no more explicit than widely available monthlies like *Blueboy* and *Man-date*. It is not clear why police chose to charge *Blue Tricks* while ignoring a host of other magazines. What is certain is that it is possible for police to make a charge stick against a relatively innocuous magazine.

To decide whether or not material breaks the law — that is, exploits sex "unduly" — the Courts apply the "community standard of tolerance" test. Individual judges must decide what the contemporary Canadian community will tolerate, as opposed to what it will accept. At Kevin Orr's trial, Judge Vanek questioned the ability of anyone to be an expert on community standards. "How would he (a witness) be in a position to give testimony on community standards? How would he know better than anyone else? I have very grave doubts as to whether anyone is an expert in this field," he said.

There are sections of the Criminal Code which are used to control the use of the mails for the transmission of "immoral, indecent or scurrilous materials," and others which forbid the presentation of "immoral theatrical performances." These are reinforced by a

Showing off: Vancouver cops display Red Hot Video haul (below) and Direct Action catch (right)





His day in court: Lawyer Dianne Martin with Glad Day assistant manager Kevin Orr during trial

host of other laws and regulations. The Canada Customs Act, and The Customs Tariff Act are designed to prevent the importation of "prohibited goods," including pornography. Provincial censorship boards classify and/or prevent the public presentation of films and video. And the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) assures the purity of the audio and video airwaves.

The newest would-be censors are municipal governments. The municipal councils of Toronto, Hamilton, Aurora, Markham and Newmarket have currently either passed, or are in the process of passing, bylaws governing the display of sexually explicit magazines. The bylaws are all attempts to restrict access to pornography by requiring that magazines be kept out of public view entirely or be displayed at least five feet above floor level. The bylaws further require that magazines be wrapped in plastic and displayed so that only the titles

remain visible.

In Metropolitan Toronto, the driving force behind porn-display control has been the city's mayor, Art Eggleton, who urged members of the Metro Licensing and Legislation Committee, January 18, to implement a bylaw. Eggleton cited complaints by citizens about "the availability of magazines to children, the morality of the public display of nudity on magazine covers,

...and the harm done by the display of women cast only in a sexual role, and frequently a degrading one."

Support for the proposed bylaw has come from religious fundamentalists, feminists and, not surprisingly, Metro Toronto police. In a letter to Eggleton dated April 22, 1982, Forbes Ewing, head of the Morality Bureau, urged the mayor to pass a series of porn-display regulations. Ewing explained that at present morality officers respond to citizens' complaints by visiting the store and suggesting that owners keep the magazines out of the reach of children and nudity out of the public eye. "Return visits have established that in most cases they comply, but without effective legislation to prohibit," explained Ewing, "abuses of our requests have occurred."

The Metro Licensing Committee voted January 18 in favour of recommending a bylaw to Metro Council. At present the decision is in the hands of the city solicitor, who must determine the effects of a recent Ontario Court of Appeals judgment on the legality of municipal pornography control.

In a judgment released January 17, the Court of Appeals struck down a display-control bylaw passed by the city of Hamilton three years ago. The court ruled in favour of Hamilton Independent Variety and Confectionary Stores Ltd, finding the bylaw to be "vague and uncertain" and thus void under the principles of municipal law.

"The principal flaw" in the legislation, wrote Mr Justice Lacourcier, "is the vagueness and uncertainty in the definition of 'erotic goods'.... It is impossible for a store owner reading this bylaw

to decide whether he is in fact selling 'erotic' magazines' covered under it."

The Hamilton bylaw was also ruled invalid because it enlarged the powers of search and seizure granted to law officers "by allowing municipal officials to enter the premises day or night, without a warrant or reasonable or probable cause, and to remove whatever they deemed necessary."

It still isn't clear whether porn control is within the jurisdiction of a municipal government. Control of obscenity is the prerogative of Parliament as a criminal matter. Yet the legislation of morality has been relegated to a host of agencies which control the dissemination of sexually explicit materials. The distinctions between what is, and what is not, permissible are blurred by an array of unequally enforced standards.

Civil rights lawyer Herman Turkstra, who represented Hamilton Independent Variety, called the bylaw the "most sophisticated form of censorship yet devised." City councillor Fred Lombardo thinks it succeeded in telling members of "the business community that we don't want this available to children."

While porn-display control may not be successful in eliminating pornography it will most certainly effect its availability. If recent charges and decisions indicate a trend, convenience store owners, fearing charges, may eventually think twice about stocking any sexually explicit magazines.

As with municipal attempts to control prostitution, the cities' failure to introduce their own controls may simply result in increased pressure on federal legislators for yet more and more stringent regulations. **Craig Patterson** □

Uncertainties follow Red Hot/Fire Brigade charges

VANCOUVER — Red Hot Video will plead not guilty when it appears in Provincial Court in Victoria May 8 on charges laid after January's police raid and seizure of allegedly obscene tapes, a company spokesperson says.

"We are not going to plead guilty," said the man, who asked that his name not be used. "We hope to win. And we would have liked to be in court on this six months ago," he told *TBP*.

Things haven't been going well for Red Hot Video, which began operating in British Columbia a year ago and at one time had 13 franchise outlets across the province. The controversy began to brew when an alliance of women's groups and their supporters became concerned about the rapid growth of pornography distributors who they claimed were selling tapes portraying brutal sexual attacks on women.

Six months of protests brought no action from BC Attorney General Allan Williams.

Women's groups charged that whenever they produced a sample of an offensive tape, copies would mysteriously disappear from store shelves, only to return several weeks later. "Women are not satisfied with quietly removing tapes, one by one, from the shelves," wrote British Columbia Federation of Women's (BCFW) Pat Feindel in *Kinesis* in November. "Women insist on a prosecution by the Crown."

Then a group calling itself the Wimin's Fire Brigade declared all-out war. Early on a Monday morning in November 1982, the Surrey Red Hot store blew apart and burned to the ground when a gasoline bomb exploded; the North Vancouver store was damaged by a bomb and police removed a bomb

from the North Coquitlam store the same day.

"Red Hot Video is part of a multi-billion-dollar pornography industry that teaches men to equate sexuality with violence," the Fire Brigade said in a communiqué claiming responsibility for the fire bombing.

Taking advantage of the publicity

generated by the bombings, a coalition led by the BCFW called for December 11 demonstrations against Red Hot Video outlets across the province.

The Federation of Women represents 36 groups of different political stripes and, though it stopped short of endorsing arson, was clearly sympathetic with the arsonists' goal. "While we did

Conflicting loyalties: porn or the picketlines

Reaction to the Red Hot Video controversy has reverberated through Vancouver's gay male community. When *TBP* polled community representatives, it found support for women's opposition to violence against women and children, but also concern and hesitation over the question of censorship.

Harry Grunsky, vice-president of the Point Grey Riding Association of the New Democratic Party, said "Gay men should be supportive of feminists. But the government doesn't have any business setting community standards. I do not agree with some feminists who want (that kind of) legislation."

Stuart Alcock, a director of the Vancouver Gay Community Centre, said, "I'm torn between a feminist and a civil libertarian position. It's difficult for anyone to say that the depiction of violence is okay. But I believe that (the women's movement) here has been coloured by people with a different agenda — people who want to get rid of sex, or unusual forms of sexual activity."

"The issue of censorship is not nego-

tiable," said one primary school teacher. "The issue of censorship is more fundamental than the management of pornography." A provincial civil servant thought that the Attorney General's recent police actions were based on opportunism. "They don't give a damn about violence and women," he said. "They just wanted to reduce the flak."

Theatre student David MacLean said, "Pornography can be healthy. Some images are a true reflection of sensuality. It's dangerous to link all (pornography) together and say it leads to rape against women and violence against children. It's similar to the idea that links all child molestation to gays."

The sentiment in the gay male community was summed up by a federal public employee who explained why he participated in the demonstration against Red Hot Video. "As a gay man, I'm aware that violence and the threat of violence is more prevalent in our society for women," he said. "The ultimate affront is to tell women that they will enjoy their own pain. That's why I paraded outside Red Hot Video."

"But now that the police have raided them, I'm worried," he said. "The police are not the people to decide what is obscene. I don't trust them."

Richard Banner and Fred Gilbertson □



not participate in the fire bombings... we are in agreement with the frustration and anger of the women who did," they said in a statement.

At a federation press conference called to publicize the upcoming demonstrations, several videotapes were screened, including one called *Water-power* that showed a woman being murdered with an enema. A gay man attending the news conference said participants were deliberately manipulated to respond in an emotional way to the films. "Women reacted with horror and disgust," he said.

Hundreds of women and men took part in the demonstrations against Red Hot Video, including some gay men who had bought or rented gay titles from the company.

Sensational, inaccurate and judgmental press coverage has clouded the issues involved in the Red Hot Video controversy, particularly for gay men (see box). Initially, there was no mention of the gay titles carried by stores in the chain. A spokesperson told *TBP* that about 50 of Red Hot's tapes appeal to a gay market, compared to 200 frequently requested heterosexual ones. The spokesperson also denied that Red Hot carries snuff films or that S/M, bondage and kiddie porn play any significant part in the tapes. "Why would we jeopardize a whole market for (kiddie porn)?" he asked.

Anti-pornography feminists insist that the combination of sex and violence permeates video porn. They have frequently cited as evidence an illustrated catalogue that categorizes the tapes by subject matter such as "Rape and gangbang" and "Bondage & discipline, sadism & masochism." A catalogue obtained by *TBP* contains no illustrations, but does list tapes by these "erotic themes" categories. The actual content of the films is not clear.

Although, initially, it appeared to resist all pressures to act against Red Hot Video, the Attorney General's department stepped in January 7 when police seized 100 tapes from 12 video stores across the province. Nine of the stores were Red Hot Video outlets. The only one eventually to be charged was the

Red Hot store in Victoria. Spokespersons from the BCFW took credit for forcing the police to act against the "pornography profiteers."

The police struck again two weeks later in what they described as a dramatic arrest of two women and three men on an isolated highway north of Vancouver. A large cache of firearms and explosives was seized in the police operation. The five suspects, all in their 20s, were charged with the Red Hot Video fire bombings, with dynamiting a hydro substation and conspiracy to sabotage a military base.

Meanwhile BCFW's Pat Feindel explained the point of the protests that finally precipitated the police raids was to demonstrate "there is a large number of people who object to this kind of material" (videos combining sex and violence). She explained that the BCFW defines pornography as the combination of sex and violence but that the federation was not interested in suppressing explicit sexuality or eroticism.

Feindel told *TBP* that the federation had not taken a position on gay pornography. "Gays have a different approach to sex and violence," she said, "and sometimes overlook sex role differences which women take the consequences of." □

MEDIA

"Queers want full rights" — Observer

"According to *The Fifth Estate*, CBC's news probe team, our armed services have been especially hard on the individual whose 'sexual orientation' is different than that of his fellow man (or woman).

"In laymen's terms, the army has been kicking out queers.

"Of course the armed forces' rules make it clear that homosexual behavior can not be tolerated. In spite of society's legal and moral opposition to such moral degenerates, they still come out screaming about their rights and privileges.

"But the day our country's regulations allow gays and lesbians to fight side by side with the normal soldiers will be the day the war is lost.

"Can you imagine men fighting in the trenches beside some guy who craves their body? Of course the gay community denies that they are a limp-wristed bunch of pansies, but no matter how well they masquerade as being heterosexuals, they will undoubtedly be found out under the pressure of combat."

— *Sarnia Observer*,
January 14, 1983

This is just a sampling of an editorial that appeared in the Thomson newspaper which serves the Ontario city of Sarnia. It was brought to TBP's attention by Robert Paterson who, 'having served over four years with the Royal

Canadian Air Force during World War II,' finds this attitude most repulsive.

Paterson, a resident of Sarnia, thought TBP 'might be interested in seeing an example of the type of gross ignorance with which we have to contend in this part of the country.'

Another Sarnia resident sent TBP a copy of the editorial with the note: '...the Sarnia community is quite shattered by this and even the bravest of us will not publicly denounce it. This is a very small town, if not in numbers, certainly in mentality. Please do not use my name.'

Readers may want to tell James Carnaghan, the newspaper's managing editor, what they think of his editorial. Letters should be sent to: Editor, The Observer, 140 Front Street S, Sarnia, ON N7T 2M5. □

GO after fair play on the airwaves

OTTAWA — Gays of Ottawa has filed an official complaint against the host of a phone-in radio programme who claimed that gay people aren't fit to be parents or teachers and then cut off callers who took exception to his remarks.

GO has told the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) that Dean Tower's remarks are in violation of the Criminal Code and the Broadcast Act.

Radio station CFRA fired Tower early this year because of his show's sinking popularity. He made the remarks last October during the Bureau of Broadcasting Measurement's full ratings period.

"The violations occurred when (Tower said that) the denial of parental and employment rights to homosexual people was justified," GO says in a letter to J G Patenaud, the CRTC's solicitor general. "(Tower) attempted to justify his position by presenting offensive, false and indecent information and news on the nature of homosexuality, particularly concerning the relationship between adults who are gay and children who are either homosexual or heterosexual."

Section 330 of the Criminal Code of Canada reads: "Everyone who, with the

intent to injure or alarm any person, conveys by radio or otherwise, information that he knows is false is guilty of an indictable offence and is liable for imprisonment for two years." The Broadcast Act forbids the presentation of "false and misleading news and information" that encourages hatred and prejudice.

A lesbian mother whose call to Tower was snipped in mid-sentence also wrote the CRTC to protest. "This kind of bigoted, one-sided programme is extremely harmful to any minority group in this country," she said.

Ernie Calcutt, CFRA sportscaster and the person in charge of talk-show hosts, says Tower was fired because few people were listening to his two-hour afternoon show. "The ratings were terrible for that time period," Calcutt says. "He was begging for calls."

Meanwhile, GO has received a letter of apology from Global Communications Ltd, presenter of *The 700 Club*, a religious television programme. A 700 Club show last November branded gay people child molesters and sado-masochistic killers. "I can only say your outrage was justified," Global president Paul Morton said in a letter to GO member Jim Carleton.

Morton says that from now on the programme will have to comply with Global's policy on religious programming, which prohibits such attacks on gay people. "Failure (to comply) will result in the cancellation of the show," Morton says. **Glenn Wheeler** □

POLICE

Community protests inspector's remarks

VANCOUVER — Relations between gay people and the city's police department were badly shaken in January by the publication of a police inspector's comments regarding "homosexual involvement in last year's murder rate."

In a January 6 *West Ender* article, reviewing crime statistics for 1982, Inspector Bill Baird of the police community relations department was quoted as saying he was not surprised that eight of 39 murders in the city were the result of a "homosexual involvement," because "homosexuals react violently when things go wrong for them."

The front page article sparked a wave of protest letters and phone calls to the newspaper and to Mayor Mike Harcourt, who acts as chairman of the Vancouver police board.

Globe: cleaning up the classifieds

TORONTO — The right hand doesn't seem to know what the left hand is doing at Canada's national newspaper these days.

In the same month that a new union contract for nearly 400 employees of the *Globe and Mail* added job protection for gay people, the classified-ads department was quietly putting into effect a policy of discrimination that excludes gay people from the companion ads.

In late January, *Globe* management decided it was going to clean house in the classifieds. It discontinued two entire categories of ads: introduction services and the rapidly expanding telephone fantasy ads. In addition, home video ads have been limited to the use of the descriptive phrases "adult movies" or adult entertainment," while suggestive words like "XXX rated," "pornography" and "hardcore" have been banned.

The two discontinued categories provided a small but assured source of revenue for the financially troubled and advertising-hungry *Globe*, where last year 50 employees' jobs were abruptly terminated as an economy measure.

James Meldrum, manager of the classified-ads department, estimated the

policy changes would mean "hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost income."

Meldrum told *TBP* the ads were discontinued because of "numerous" complaints from readers, none apparently more specific than that the ads were "not up to the *Globe and Mail's* standards."

While these policies were being implemented, another change was happening more covertly. Meldrum, whose job requires him personally to authorize every companion ad, began to reject all gay and bisexual ones. Employees challenged him on his actions and he reportedly said, in effect: "I know it's discrimination and I expect to get some flak from the gay community."

When a *TBP* reporter tried to place an obviously gay ad, he was informed by the telephone answerer there had been a recent change in policy and only "guy-seeks-girl, girl-seeks-guy" ads were now acceptable.

Meldrum told *TBP* there was no change in policy and that gay ads are still being "looked at." He said the number of companion ads in general has been dwindling and he hadn't seen any gay ones cross his desk recently. According to other *Globe* sources, however, the explanation for

that is simple: Meldrum has made it clear to telephone answerers he doesn't even want to look at such ads.

Less than two weeks before gay companion ads were suddenly thrown into the sexual — therefore offensive-to-readers — category, the Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild successfully negotiated a contract with *Globe* management adding "sexual preference" and "religion" to non-discrimination clauses relating to hiring and firing. The union represents employees in editorial, inside-circulation and maintenance departments — but not in classifieds.

So, while certain departments at the *Globe* have agreed officially that discrimination against gay reporters and other workers is unacceptable, another department has decided covert discrimination against gay customers is acceptable.

Gay people who are regular readers of the *Globe* may wish to test the daily's responsiveness. They might even be seized with the desire to advertise in the companion classifieds, which can be reached by calling 585-2222. If readers experience problems having their ads accepted, they shouldn't hesitate to ask to speak to the manager.

As Mr Meldrum said, the *Globe* prides itself on listening to its readers.

Ed Jackson □

A strongly worded letter to the mayor from the Gay Rights Union demanded Inspector Baird's removal from the force, while another from the Vancouver Gay Community Centre called for a public retraction and apology.

The swiftness and intensity of the gay community's reaction appeared to have the desired impact. The mayor described the statement as "unacceptable because it shows discrimination" and promised to take the matter up with Chief Constable Stewart and the police board.

In a follow-up article in the *West Ender*, Inspector Baird was reported to be surprised by the reaction, and added that the statement was meant to be taken as a warning to the gay community. He said his comments were "not intended to reflect on the behaviour of all homosexuals but that there was violence related to the community and statistical analysis bears this out."

So far, there has been no public apology from Inspector Baird or the police department, but people who have written letters of protest have been contacted by a police spokesman to clarify the statement.

According to Staff Sergeant Jerry Roy and several other police officers, Inspector Baird has an excellent record with the gay community. In the mid-Seventies he helped establish the gay-police liaison committee, and since then has arranged talks by gays to police recruits and softball games between the two groups.

"He's definitely not a redneck," said one community relations officer.

Jim Oakes □

"Good intentions" get three acquitted

TORONTO — Provincial Court Judge R D Osborne acquitted two women and a man who were accused of assaulting and obstructing police outside the popular lesbian bar, Together, because he was convinced of their good intentions.

"There is no way they meant to cause trouble with the police," the judge explained in his January 3 decision. "They endeavoured to help a person they saw to be in distress." The charges stemmed from what Judge Osborne called a "misunderstanding" in front of the bar January 20, 1982.

One of the accused, Pam (who asks that her last name not be used), remembers vividly the night she was grabbed and, coat and shirt ripped open, dragged around by a man who later charged her with assault.

Pam and her friend Donna (who also asks that her last name not be used), had invited David Tarneau for a drink at the Church Street bar on their way home from a film. It was David's first visit to a Toronto gay bar. He, like many local journalists, knew a little about the gay community. But he hadn't paid that much attention to reports of deteriorating relations between the community and the city's police force.

As the three left the crowded bar, they saw a man with his hands around the throat of a woman who was screaming for help. Others, drawn to the scene, grappled with the man, freed the woman and pushed her into the bar and her assailant back down the stairs.

"I'm a police officer," the man told the growing crowd, "and that girl is under arrest." He was twice asked to prove he was a cop and he twice flipped open his wallet. "He didn't show his ID so that I could see it," Tarneau testified. Pam told the court her response was,



Circling the globe: Toronto lesbian Adrienne Potts hopes to be the first woman to ride around the world on a motorcycle. She left Dallas, Texas, February 7, on her 72,000 km journey through thirty-three countries, and hopes to arrive in Vancouver on New Year's Day, 1984.

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The Right to Privacy Committee's Report to the Community

February 3, 1983

Since February 5th, 1981, the RTPC has been in court continuously, monitoring trials of those charged as keepers and found-ins. 279 found-in cases are now complete. The courtroom presence and the coordination of the lawyers, witnesses and documentation have helped produce an extraordinary win rate of 87%.

As a community, we have raised over \$100,000 to assist in legal defense and to wage a political campaign for law reform and against police abuse. The Right to Privacy Foundation, created by the RTPC to administer the legal defense fund, has now authorized assistance for 127 found-ins and 3 sets of keepers. While it cannot yet pay out the most recent of its authorizations, ongoing fundraising will ensure that those commitments are met.

If you can help us once again, please make contributions to the defense fund payable to Harriet Sachs in Trust for the RTPC, 730 Bathurst Street, Toronto, M5S 2R4.

COURT UPDATE

Found-ins: 279 cases completed 242 wins 37 losses
2 cases now before the courts
17 found-ins failed to appear in court and now face bench warrants

Keepers: Richmond 1 guilty plea; 5 charges withdrawn
Romans 1 guilty plea; 5 charges withdrawn
Back Door 3 finding of guilt; 1 under appeal
International 1 guilty; 1 not guilty; under appeal
The Club Trial not yet begun
The Barracks Trial not yet begun

FUNDS RAISED AND DEPOSITED

Individual Donations	\$65,500.38
Dances, other events	15,631.21
Organizations	18,694.34
Others	9,317.48
TOTAL RAISED:	\$109,143.41
Less: Fundraising costs,	
Administrative expenses, etc	13,364.64
TOTAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	\$95,778.77

THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY FOUNDATION

DISBURSEMENTS AUTHORIZED

Found-ins (127)	\$69,658.06
Keepers (3 sets)	29,896.30
Others (4)	6,278.76
Legal Administration of Fund	489.00
TOTAL AUTHORIZATIONS	\$106,322.12
Payments made	95,391.20
Payment arrears	10,930.92

BILLING IN 111 REGULAR CASES

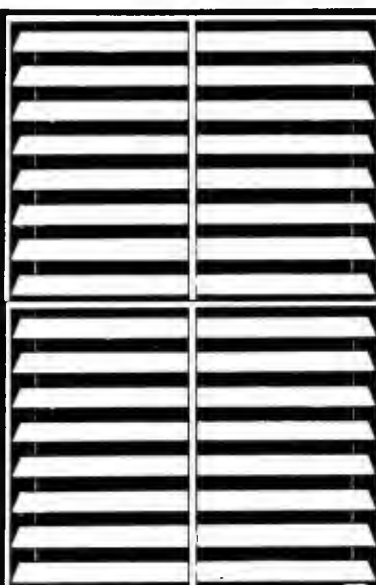
Average Legal Bill	\$635.00
Average Authorization	500.00

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"You can't be an officer — they don't treat people that way."

The man turned out to be plainclothes officer PC David Brown. He and his partner PC Kenneth Brown claimed they were trying to arrest Dianne Shea, another woman charged that night, for kicking the side of a moving vehicle on Church Street.

In his reasons for dismissing the charges, Judge Osborne considered a crucial factor to be the time at which the accused learned Brown was a policeman. He said he believed that point was when Brown grabbed both Pam and Tarneau, said, "You're under arrest," and signaled to his partner.

Moments later there were seven police cars on the scene. Seven people were arrested, including Tarneau, Pam and another bystander, who stood trial with them. Three of the remaining accused, including Dianne Shea, go to trial this spring. The seventh person arrested, a juvenile, had charges against her dropped.

A couple of nights after the incident David Tarneau found himself among a delegation of people reporting the details to the Toronto Gay Community Council.

After the meeting a committee was struck, legal advice secured, the press notified and reports were filed with the Citizen's Independent Review of Police Activities. The council meeting also heard the latest official word from police chief Jack Ackroyd. The city's study into gay-police relations had recommended that the chief tell his force the gay community was a legitimate one. Instead he said the police force assumes that homosexuals as individuals "are entitled to the same rights, respect, service and protection as all citizens." This commitment was made the same day that Pam, Tarneau and the others were drawn into the "misunderstanding" in front of Together. Ackroyd later said that the police were just doing their jobs and that any problems would be cleared up when the matter came to trial.

In rendering his decision, Judge Osborne commended the accused for their Good Samaritan impulses and described the situation as one of "great misfortune as they had to endure this serious trial," which took six days, drawn out over a period of twelve months.

That the police were not "simply doing their jobs" has been decided by the court. But the question remains: were the problems with what they were doing addressed by the trial and its outcome?

Pam doesn't think so. "We won but we are out the money and the time," she told TBP. "There is nothing we can actually do to rectify what happened — we can't afford to lay a countercharge. In a sense, they got away with it."

Tarneau says the events left him with a lot to think about. "I want a police force that's responsible to the public — policemen that wouldn't attack someone they thought had kicked a car without finding out what was wrong and saying they were police," he said. He's concerned about the "age-old problems of who will police the police and the moral dilemma of the bystander."

Pam says she can see why people "don't fight back or come forward as witnesses — the system is geared to make it hard." But she'd do it again. "I don't have any illusions about cops — I'd go out of my way to help anyone who was being treated like that."

Chris Bearchell

Svend Robinson: Speaking out on Capital Hill

"I think it's important that the NDP not be afraid to take stands on controversial issues.... To the extent that we back away, I think we lose support rather than gain support." — Svend Robinson, MP, in an interview January 28, 1983.

The most common adjective used in the mass media to describe Svend Robinson, Member of Parliament for Burnaby, BC is "outspoken." It's quite true. His outspokenness has garnered him more public attention than most MPs will ever enjoy, and has made him an easily recognizable political figure, a rare commodity for the federal New Democratic Party. Recently, however, there came a point when the NDP felt Robinson had become *too* outspoken, and on January 19 federal leader Ed Broadbent fired him as the party's justice critic.

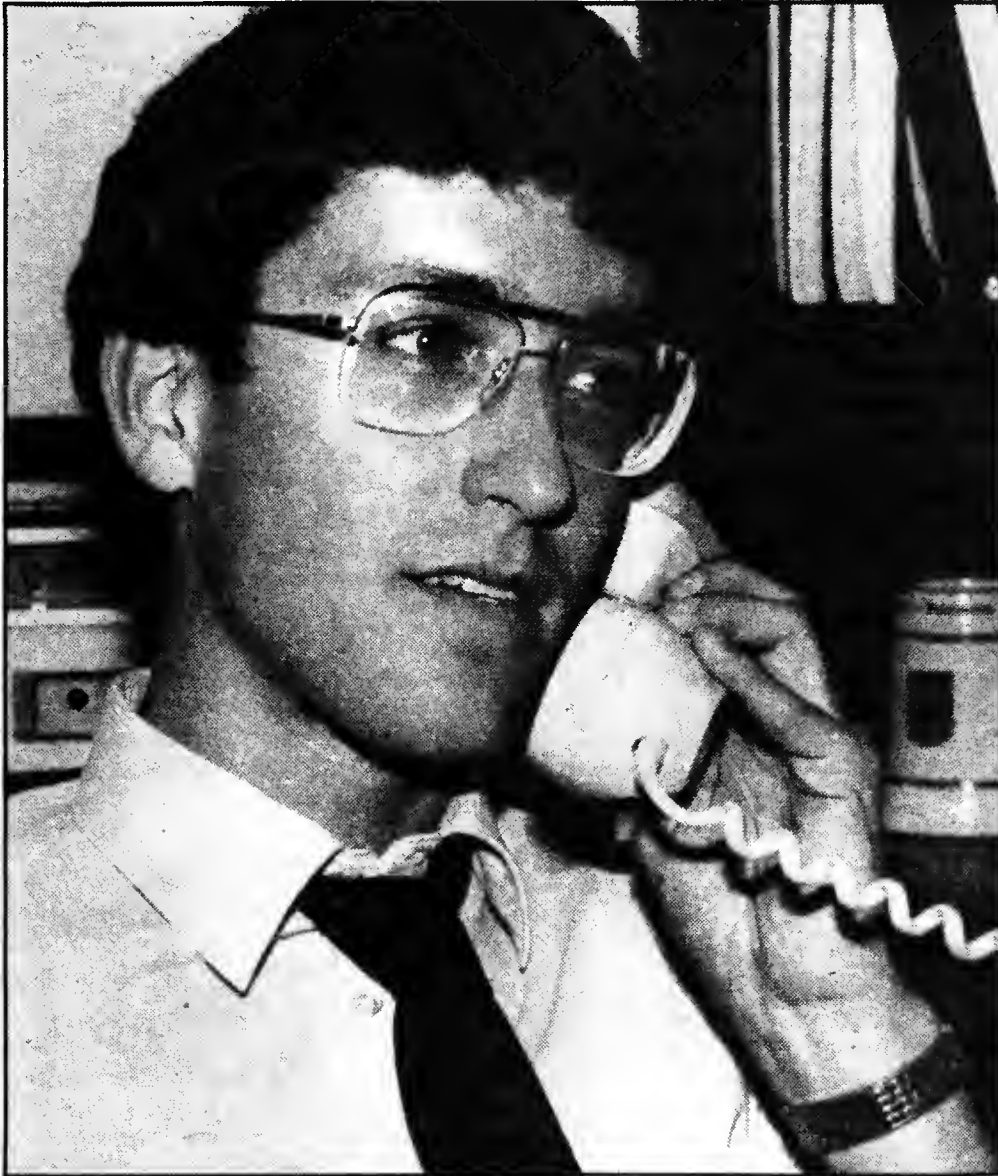
It was an action that remains of particular concern to the lesbian and gay community, as Robinson's most controversial stands have probably been on gay issues. The consistency and tenacity of his attacks on government policy affecting lesbians and gay men have been unique among federal politicians and, as a result of his work, gay issues have come up more often in the current session of Parliament than in all sessions since 1867 combined. He has hammered away at the Armed Forces for their anti-gay hiring policy. He has repeatedly challenged the justice minister on his refusal to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act to include sexual orientation ("nothing less than a political cop-out").

Robinson's demotion to the position of consumer and corporate affairs critic did not come as a total surprise to many observers. It's no secret in Ottawa that he is strongly disliked by Broadbent, among others. It's also no secret that Robinson has a well-deserved reputation for being abrasive, arrogant and too quick to speak for the party without first consulting his caucus.

That's how it was interpreted last December when Jack Webster, the garrulous Vancouver television talk-show host, asked him what his positions were on the "problem" of prostitution.

Robinson explained the party policy, which calls for the decriminalization of soliciting, the repeal of bawdyhouse laws, and letting municipalities decide whether bawdyhouses should operate locally. Webster attempted to create the impression that the NDP wanted a chain of state-run brothels ("the Brothcan concept," as Robinson puts it). Of course, that's not what Robinson said. But the simple fact that he made party policy public (because most Canadians were not aware of the NDP's policies on prostitution) meant that he lost his job.

The cumulative effects of Robinson's tough stands on a wide range of issues, including gay ones, have to be taken into consideration when evaluating his dismissal. Gay activists in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Ontario in particular are well aware of the party's traditional ability to talk boldly — until it comes time to act. (The jury is still out in Manitoba, where it looks like the government is again poised to make excuses for not putting sexual orientation in the provincial human rights code.) The party has a long history of internal fighting over "what is right" and "what we can sell to the voters," with self-styled



NDP'er Svend Robinson on political pragmatists: "We are condemned by our silence."

pragmatists arguing that gay issues only succeed in diverting attention from economic issues.

A good example of a pragmatist victory was the 1981 Ontario provincial election campaign, during which the NDP dropped any intentions of backing human rights code amendments, and later refused to speak out against the February bath raids. Svend Robinson was invited to address a March 6 Toronto rally organized by the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario and, over the loud and angry protests of officials in

the Ontario wing of the party, he accepted.

During his speech, Robinson was booed by the crowd of 1,200 when he endorsed Dan Leckie, the NDP candidate in Toronto's St George riding. Leckie was one of the few candidates to buck party strategy and speak out in favour of gay rights, but most gays were not prepared to support any provincial NDP'er. One couldn't help but wonder that evening why Robinson had placed himself in this almost universally unpopular situation. He seemed not to care that very

few, on either side of the political confrontation, agreed with him. What others thought didn't really matter. It was truly uncharacteristic behaviour for an elected official.

Robinson told *TBP* that he hasn't "reaped any great political benefits, at least not in terms of my own constituency," for his pro-gay stance. He claims many of his constituents, who disagree with him strongly on certain issues, tell him they nonetheless admire a politician who isn't afraid of saying what he truly believes. However, inside party sources indicated that, when his job was on the line, Robinson failed to get much support in the federal caucus (aside from most members from his native British Columbia).

Why would a politician be so forceful about gay rights when it appears that most of his own colleagues would not support him?

"Because I believe it, quite simply," he said in a recent interview in Toronto. "If we don't speak out on that issue and do everything in our power to change that situation, then I think we are condemned by our silence."

He doesn't seem to have changed his mind since the demotion, and he says that he'll continue to speak out. Indeed, his first public-speaking engagement as consumer and corporate affairs critic was at the University of Toronto's Lesbian and Gay Awareness Week. He stresses that he's still the critic of the Solicitor General, which means he'll continue to push Robert Kaplan to initiate the destruction of the RCMP's thousands of files on gay people. As well, he still has his amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act in the works (see box).

The fact remains that Robinson's credibility may be reduced because most of his comments on gay issues will fall outside his official area of party responsibility. That leaves the ball in the court of his successor, Toronto MP Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood) who remains untested, having only been elected a few months ago.

The gay community will have to keep its eye on the pragmatists of the NDP to see how successful they are in thwarting the acceptance of gay rights and sexual reform as valid electoral issues.

One thing is certain — the internal political battle will not take place without Svend Robinson.

Kevin Orr □

Another try: getting into the Act

Svend Robinson, MP (Burnaby), says the soonest federal Justice Committee hearings could be expected on his promised private member's bill to include sexual orientation in the Canadian Human Rights Act is this April.

"This will be the first time we've gotten this far... to (federal Justice) Committee hearings," he said at a forum held during Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week at the University of Toronto in January.

Robinson is confident that his proposed bill will advance past first reading because of assurances recently made by Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan. The minister was seeking to secure an all-party agreement to allow the speedy passage of revisions to the Act to protect the rights of the disabled and to outlaw sexual harassment on the job. (Those revisions were given quick approval in principle December 20, but final passage has been delayed.)

While the disabled rights amendments

were before the Justice Committee, MacGuigan, in responding to questions from Robinson (who was then NDP justice critic), said that there was not sufficient "social consensus" to proceed with a sexual orientation amendment. He left observers puzzled by his claim that the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC) already has considerable latitude to interpret the existing Act with regard to sexual orientation (*TBP*, January/February, 1983).

Chief commissioner Gordon Fairweather responded to inquiries from Gays of Ottawa executive director John Duggan by advising that an explanation for the CHRC's supposed latitude would have to come from the Minister himself. "It has always been the position of the Canadian Human Rights Commission that the statutory ban on sex discrimination in employment cannot be extended to include sexual preference such as homosexuality."

That is why, he explained, the commission has recommended in all reports it has made to parliament that sexual orientation be added to the Act.

Duggan's further inquiries to MacGuigan for clarification produced the following muddled explanation: "the commission may consider that a prohibition against discrimination on a given ground may confer protection on homosexuals. For example, the commission considers that discrimination on the basis of sex precludes sexual harassment. As a result, sexual harassment by or against homosexuals could be prohibited."

As for his comments about social consensus, MacGuigan confirms his commitment to allowing the Robinson bill to reach committee hearings. Presumably the hearing will provide an opportunity to gauge social consensus.

The Canadian Human Rights Act applies to all federal departments, Crown corporations and federally regulated industries such as airlines, banks and oil companies.

Chris Bearchell □

Awareness week: keeping them hopping

There are people in the Toronto gay community who wouldn't miss a Homo Hop for anything — at last count they numbered about 400. What is a Homo Hop? It's a dance for lesbians and gay men held up to three times yearly by Gays and Lesbians at the University of Toronto (GLAUT), and it's rapidly becoming an institution second only to the famed GCDC dances.

Aside from frequently being an event in its own right, a Homo Hop has become the celebratory finale to GLAUT's annual Gay and Lesbian Awareness Week (GLAWK), an ambitious programme of lectures, exhibitions, symposiums and cultural events now in its third year.

Dan Healey, organizer of the initial programme in February 1981, says he was inspired by a similar (and still thriving) event at the University of British Columbia. Healey notes that from the beginning the U of T event, then called simply Gay Awareness Week, was designed to be high profile, reaching gays within and beyond the university community and straight people on and off campus.

Infogay, an information centre in the busy lobby of the Sidney Smith academic building, has become a popular annual fixture of the week, as have accompanying displays of local gay history. Events of larger community interest have included Gay in Ontario (1981), a political forum on the then-imminent provincial election, a well-attended gay-

police relations panel in 1982 featuring Arnold Bruner and Toronto police superintendent David Sproule and, this year, panels and lectures with such diverse participants as former NDP justice critic Svend Robinson, lesbian feminist Karla Jay, and Dr M Schelew, vice-president of Amnesty International.

Year two of Awareness Week saw an increase in panels and discussions produced by and for women as well as the inclusion of "lesbian" in the title. Women's influence recently reached an apex with the election of Alexandra Henriques to the chair of GLAUT at the start of the 1982-83 academic year. The result was a refreshing variety of lesbian-oriented events at this year's GLAWK (January 24 to 29), such as a Barbara Hammer film evening, a "Lesbian/Feminist Tour of Paris" by Karla Jay, and a humorous anecdotal biography of Gertrude Stein performed by comedienne Pat Bond to an audience of more than 300, including, says Henriques, a surprising number of straight couples: "You can tell by the way they're dressed."

The increasing success of GLAWK, both financially and in the numbers and diversity of those participating, is due to

many factors. Healey believes that the Toronto bath raids, which occurred a scant three weeks before Awareness Week '81, gave an electricity to the event which might have taken years to develop otherwise. According to Craig Patterson, secretary for GLAWK '82, the charge and revolutionary flavour of year one were such that by year two the strong gay presence on campus was an accepted fact, providing relative ease in relations with other entities on campus (with the notable exception of Roman

Catholic St Michael's College, which guarded the souls of its student body by refusing to show the film *Michael, a Gay Son* (see *TBP*, April '82). This year's GLAWK even saw the programme expand to include events at the suburban Scarborough and Erindale Colleges.

Perhaps the clearest indication of the growing acceptance of gays and lesbians at U of T is the increase of funding allotments to GLAWK from the university's Students' Administrative Council. In 1981, Healey and his co-workers had to take their case to the student media to wrest a barely adequate \$150 from the council. By this year, thanks largely to support from apparently non-gay student representatives, the GLAWK committee came away with a surprise \$500. If the trend continues, homos should be hopping for a good many years to come.

Jim Bartley □

IN COURT

Court awards custody to dyke grandmother

VANCOUVER — Custody of a two-and-a-half-year-old girl was awarded to her lesbian grandmother and her grandmother's lover in BC provincial court November 8, 1982, over the objections of her natural father.

Judge Philip Collings's primary concern was for "the health and emotional well-being of the child." The court noted that the child appears to be happy and well adjusted at the moment. She has been living with her grandmother, 38-year-old Sharon Storey of Quesnel, BC, for more than half her life. Her grandmother's lover has also performed many of the day-to-day mothering functions. The role of the father, Richard Nicholson, 24, was basically that of the absent visiting parent.

In the past, both Storey and Nicholson had had difficulty coping with the demands of parenting. According to Judge Collings, however, the grandmother appears to have learned from her mistakes.

It is unusual to grant custody to a non-birth parent over the wishes of a birth parent, and even more so considering the matter of sexual orientation. The grandmother's lesbianism was treated as a negative factor by the judge. "Common sense dictates that a child be brought up with a view to the norms of the society in which she resides," he said. "Homosexuality is not a norm in our society — it is abnormal."

His misgivings were apparently not removed by a family court counsellor who testified that, according to books he'd read, "the sexual preference of a custodial parent doesn't indicate the sexual identity of the child." Nevertheless, the grandmother's lesbianism was not viewed by Collings as an overriding consideration. Jackie Goodwin □

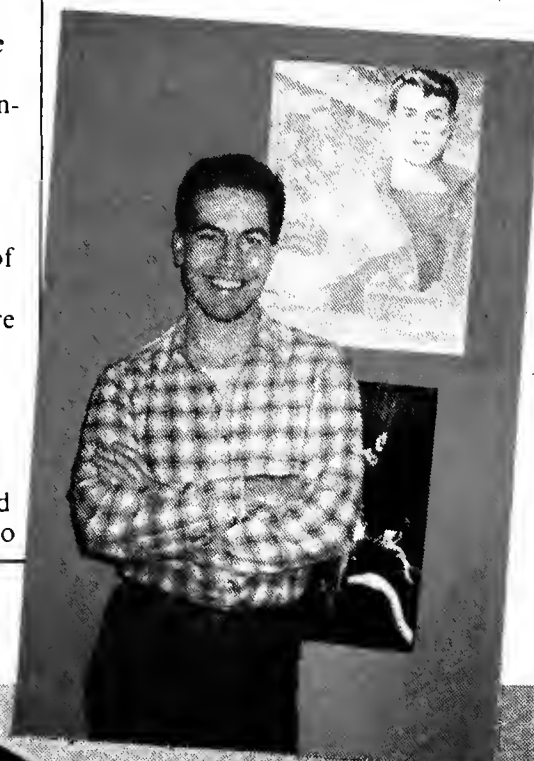
Judge fines assailant, advocates tolerance

EDMONTON — A judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta sentenced Darrin Burke of Edmonton, on December 10, 1982, to a \$350 fine or, in default, to 35 days in jail for assaulting a gay man.

The assault took place last July, when Grant Guillet of Edmonton was walking on McDonald Drive, a popular cruising area, just after midnight.

Several hustlers said they had been assaulted by Burke earlier and the police

Making it happen: Dan Healey (above), Alexandra Henriques (below) and Craig Patterson (left)



Fisting judged boring

TORONTO — A day in the life of a very proper Manhattan fister, as described in *The Body Politic's* April 1982 issue, is "dull and boring" to an Ontario Provincial Court judge.

"Lust with a very proper stranger" was not "calculated to titillate the sense or cater to prurient tastes," Judge Thomas Mercer wrote in late January, explaining his November 1 decision to acquit Pink Triangle Press of obscenity charges. Evidence of *TBP's* restricted circulation and its cover proclamation as "a magazine for gay liberation" were also relevant, he wrote.

Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry told a legislative committee in December that he will not appeal this acquittal. *TBP* will be in court again in April or May, however, for the appeal of the second "Men loving boys loving men" acquittal.

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had been called. Although the hustlers were able to identify Burke, the police refused to arrest him until Guillet complained that he too had been assaulted.

In sentencing Burke, the judge said, "As far as I'm concerned you acted like nothing but a hood." The judge then accused Burke of making "trouble for other people... simply because they're a little bit different" and compared him to someone who would "kick a lame man because he's not the same as you are."

In light of incredible anti-gay statements made by provincial court judges during bawdyhouse trials a year and a half ago, these remarks came as something of a surprise to Edmonton's gay community. To the best knowledge of gay leaders here, this is the first time that a queerbasher has been brought to justice.

For the past two summers there have been numerous reports of assaults on gays and hustlers on or near McDonald Drive, but police have failed to take action. Relations between gays and Edmonton police have been poor since the May 1981 raid on the Pisces Health Spa. **Nils Clausson** □

Cabaret tear-gassed, soldier faces charges

VICTORIA — A serviceman from Canadian Forces Base Work Point, near Victoria, faces a number of charges after allegedly releasing a tear gas grenade December 11 in the washroom of a Victoria gay bar.

The grenade forced more than 100 Saturday night patrons of Pal's Cabaret, a well known Victoria gay establishment, to crowd down a narrow stairwell into the street. The gas made several people ill, and one had to be treated by paramedics at the scene. No one was seriously injured.

Brent Carmichael, assistant manager at Pal's, told *TBP*: "It was a terrorist activity. The fire marshal has told us the grenade could easily have started a fire. As it was, it almost blinded everyone." The suspect, according to Carmichael, had been noted previously at Pal's and at another nearby gay bar, but had not been thought to be hostile.

Since the attack, Pal's has "had really good support" from the gay community, Carmichael noted. "(The bombing) made people realize that things can go a bit farther than usual, that it's a thin line to violence and terrorism." It took the cabaret staff several days to ventilate residual gas from the building.

According to a military spokesman, Trent David Dingman, 22, is currently spending 30 days in a military prison in Edmonton for stealing, transporting and storing the grenade. His civilian trial is scheduled to take place on April 22.

Richard Summerbell □

City prostitution law overturned by court

OTTAWA — Following a recent Supreme Court of Canada ruling that a Calgary anti-prostitution bylaw is unconstitutional, the federal government is being urged to amend the Criminal Code so that police forces can more easily crack down on prostitutes.

The Calgary bylaw was struck down January 25 because the city had infringed on criminal law which is under federal jurisdiction. So, once again, several municipalities are turning to Ottawa for help. They want the Criminal

Code amended so that soliciting need not be (as it now must be) "pressing and persistent" to be an offence.

Justice minister Mark MacGuigan, however, is reluctant to amend the Code because he's not certain that prostitution "is a national problem."

Other federal politicians, including Judy Erola, the minister responsible for the status of women, are determined to avoid changes in the law that would allow police to arbitrarily harass innocent women and men. The "pressing and persistent" qualification was designed to prevent this kind of abuse.

Tory justice critic Ray Hnatyshyn favours amending the Code and thinks that MacGuigan is "copping-out" because "the government doesn't want to regulate social mores."

If the government is indeed shying away from regulating morality, it seems not unwilling to give that power to municipalities. MacGuigan said he is seeking a way for Ottawa to delegate its authority over some criminal law to local governments. This could mean empowering municipalities to pass bylaws such as the one defeated in Calgary.

Meanwhile, Calgary prostitutes are sporting "Yes We Can" buttons, and in Vancouver charges against 300 men and women laid under that city's anti-prostitution bylaw have been dropped. In Toronto police continue their harassment of prostitutes by laying charges of loitering or counselling to commit an indecent act.

Prostitution itself is not illegal in Canada. **Danny Cockerline** □

Accused "not guilty" in entrapment cases

TORONTO — Provincial Court judges recently dismissed charges laid against two gay men netted in police entrapment operations.

Both men were arrested last summer in Etobicoke's Marie Curtis Park by plainclothes officers posing as gay men, and were charged with indecent assault. One of the men was further charged with

committing an indecent act.

In the first case the Crown alleged that the defendant had approached a plainclothes officer and asked him to come to a more secluded area of the park. There, the Crown claimed, the man began to masturbate himself and groped the officer. At this point the arrest took place.

While he accepted the Crown's evidence at face value, Judge J J Belobradic dismissed the indecent assault charge. He concluded that the accused "held a mistaken belief" that the officer also was looking for "what may be called a homosexual encounter." An essential part of the charge of indecent assault is intent to carry out the act "either knowing the complainant does not consent or recklessly not caring whether there is consent or not," he ruled.

The charge that the accused "did wilfully commit an indecent act, to wit expose his private parts in a public place in the presence of one or more persons," fared no better. The judge ruled, "There must be at least a reasonable doubt as to whether the accused thought the complainant was participating." He added, "If the complainant acts in such a way as to induce the accused to believe erroneously that the complainant is participating... the complainant ought not to be treated as a 'person' within the meaning of Section 169 (of the Criminal Code)."

On November 29, 1982, Provincial Court Judge V A Lampkin similarly dismissed a charge of indecent assault against another man who, the Crown alleged, had grabbed a police officer's crotch. Evidence before the court was that the officer, dressed in casual clothes, had been walking back and forth in the park and glancing at the accused before the "assault" took place. The officer testified that his repeated glances were only for the purpose of observing the accused. The accused had reached a different conclusion.

Lampkin ruled that, given the area's reputation as "a known homosexual park" and the officer's behaviour, the accused's conclusion that the officer was cruising him, was "an honest belief that there was consent."

Both cases illustrate that when the police resort to entrapment to make arrests, there are legal pitfalls for the police, as well as certain defences for their victims.

Recent reports reaching *TBP* indicate that there has been an upsurge of entrapment-related arrests by police in the third-floor washroom at the Yonge and Bloor Hudson's Bay Company store. Patrons using the Bay facilities are urged to be wary. **Bill Loos** □

LABOUR

Bathhouse workers form landmark union

TORONTO — The Roman's II Health Spa has become the first of the city's gay-run bars and baths to be unionized. Union reps sat down with management February 10 to begin negotiations for the staff's first collective agreement.

The man responsible for convincing workers to organize was Darryl Arsenault. Roman's owners Jayne and Robert Taylor chose to dispense with the usual Labour Relations Board hearing and agreed to certification.

Employees now belong to Local 725 of the United Food and Commercial Workers and Arsenault, chosen by staff to represent them at negotiations, immediately became the union's first test case. He was abruptly fired after he could not return to work at the end of a short medical leave of absence for a back injury sustained while lifting loads of towels in the establishment's laundry.

At a complaint hearing February 2, a Labour Relations Board chairman urged the two sides of the dispute to settle immediately outside of arbitration. Later the same day, the Roman's agreed to rehire Arsenault as soon as he was able to return to work.

The Roman's lawyer at the hearing was a partner in the law office of Donald J McKillop, considered in labour circles to be one of the city's half-dozen anti-union legal firms. **EJ** □

Red Cross: resisting AIDS panic

TORONTO — The Canadian Red Cross Society, the agency responsible for virtually all blood collection in this country, has resisted pressure from at least one anti-gay organization to ban blood donations from homosexuals. The Red Cross has opted for the same cautious policies as its American counterpart in the face of rising concern about diseases transmitted by blood transfusion.

Three of the largest blood-banking associations in the United States issued a joint policy statement in January that said questions about a person's sexual orientation would be "inappropriate" and "ineffective" in eliminating donors with the acquired immune-deficiency syndrome (AIDS) symptoms.

"We go along with the joint statement made in the US," said Dr Derrick. "The evidence is not conclusive enough for us to change our blood-collection patterns. We are not taking any precipitous action." He added that the Red Cross was concerned about the privacy rights of donors as it was about the health risk to recipients.

Meanwhile, a Toronto-based anti-gay group called Positive Parents has asked that all homosexuals "refrain from donating blood until a cure for AIDS is

found."

Flyers produced by Positive Parents began to appear in the city in early February. Despite a complete lack of medical evidence to support their claims, the flyers confidently assert that homosexuals are the major carriers of AIDS, and that AIDS is transmissible through blood transfusions. Positive Parents chairman Stew Newton told *TBP* the flyers, headlined "Are you aware?", have been distributed to medical staff in every hospital in the city and at several downtown street corners.

Newton has also written to federal and provincial health ministers and other medical officials calling for an inspection programme to test employees of "all known homosexually operated businesses of a public nature, such as Crispins Restaurant and the St Charles Tavern" in order to "determine if they are AIDS carriers." The flyers request that "all known homosexual encounter centres such as bawdy bathhouses be shut down at once and that all known homosexual dining and drinking establishments display notices warning patrons of the danger of AIDS contamination."

Newton said that so far health authorities have been unwilling to take up

his suggestions because they would be "socially unpopular," but he hopes his campaign will "get them off their butts." Unlike the entire medical profession at the moment, Newton claims to have documentation proving AIDS is caused by a virus and that homosexuals are its major carriers.

Dr Derrick said that if evidence eventually became clear that blood transfusions and AIDS transmission are related, it would be necessary to institute stricter screening of blood donors. At such time, the Red Cross would follow the stated American policy of going to leaders of the gay community for help in conveying information to potential donors.

The Red Cross as well as the Canadian Hemophilia Society are currently involved in the design of a collaborative study of gay men and hemophiliacs which will investigate the causes of AIDS. The nine-person team, which also includes experts in infectious diseases, cancer research and epidemiology, is currently preparing grant applications for funds to conduct a three-year-long formal study in the Toronto area.

According to Dr Gordon Jessamine, Chief of Field Epidemiology of Health and Welfare in Ottawa, as of February 7 there were 26 cases with AIDS-like symptoms reported in Canada, of which 16 are gay men. Ten of the 16 have died.

Ed Jackson □

"We aren't Calgary, and we sure aren't Montreal." Fay Orr reports.

Out of the shadows in Red Deer

Halfway between Edmonton and Calgary, Red Deer boasts a population of 48,562 and winter temperatures that can dip to -40° celsius. Reliant upon the oil and gas industry, along with some agriculture and mining, Red Deer is quiet, conservative, a true central Alberta city, the kind unrenowned for its tolerance of gays and lesbians.

But the gays and lesbians are there, working in the post offices, in the local television stations, in the hospitals and in the schools. They grow up in smaller cities like Red Deer. Or they move there to take jobs. And many of them stay, sometimes feeling sad and lonely, often living quietly with a lover and sometimes forging social and informational gay organizations.

To a visitor from San Francisco or Vancouver, "small town gays" may seem hopelessly paranoid and closeted. But, although gay liberation may never be more visible than a one-line advertisement in the personal column of the local newspaper, it takes guts to form a gay community in a place like Red Deer.

Shauna Day, 23, was born and raised in Red Deer. She knew she was a lesbian from an early age, but had no idea what she could possibly do about it. "It was sort of like having a car and not knowing how to drive," she says.

Two years ago Shauna discovered the existence of the Gay Association of Red Deer (GARD) from the local newspaper. Her hands shook as she read the one page story about GARD's attempts to reach out to the city's gays.

Accustomed to believing pitchfork-waving farmers would chase after her should she dare reveal her sexual preference, Shauna, fearful and skeptical, wrote GARD a letter:

Above all I sincerely hope this is not a cruel joke to be played on a great many scared people like me. I can barely put into words the emotions that played across my mind when I saw your article in the newspaper and, although I am still very apprehensive, I have decided to give it a shot.

GARD wrote to Shauna, who still lived with her parents, offering her a phone number to call for more information. "When I saw the letter, I was too scared to write down the number," she recalls. "I memorized it and went to a phone booth to make the call."

The phone call resulted in an invitation to a dance where Shauna met 27-year-old Gail Turner. Gail, who also learned of GARD through a newspaper ad, caught her eye early on in the evening (something Shauna attributes to the massive belt buckle inscribed "EAT ME" that Gail wore) and the two have been together ever since.

"Even if GARD closes, we'll keep that ad going, just to let the public know the faggots are still here," say organizers Cindy Neufeld, 24, and Doug Heichert, 32.

Cindy, Doug, their lovers, and Gail and Shauna are the main organizers now. Cindy, who has collected newspaper and magazine clippings about homosexuality since she was a 12-year-old growing up in Brandon, Manitoba, moved to Red Deer with her lover in 1980. That was two years after GARD's



Gutsy group: on GARD for the hidden gay people in the small towns of Alberta

initial formation and, unhappily for the couple, just a few months after the original group folded. The organization had become a dating service and members feared a lack of confidentiality when it was rumoured that someone without authorization was opening mail sent to a box at a local "bargain hunter" style newspaper.

Undaunted (the two were desperate to find new friends), Cindy and her lover used the defunct GARD's mailing list to get in touch with Red Deer lesbians and gays. They also left their home phone number as a contact with gay information services in Calgary and Edmonton. They then tried to advertise in the town's two newspapers. Their ad stated simply: "Gay Association of Red Deer, PO Box 356." The bargain hunter paper ran the ad, as it had for the old GARD, but cancelled it abruptly after 18 months. When pressed for an explanation, all the newspaper officials would reply was, "We can cancel any ad at any time."

The Red Deer *Advocate* initially refused even to look at the ad. Cindy says she was told, "This is a family newspaper. We don't run ads of this nature."

Cindy wrote to the paper's editor, who responded by inviting her in for a couple of interviews that resulted in one short article and a one page-long feature. He also told Cindy to come and see him if she had any more problems placing her ad. In 1982 the *Advocate* ran two more stories, one about GARD and one about the results of a gay-attitudes survey Gail conducted in a shopping mall for her college sociology class. (The survey was fairly positive and Gail reports that most reactions to her and Shauna were good, although one man said, "If I had a gun, I'd shoot them all (gays).")

GARD continues to run its *Advocate* ad from Wednesday to Saturday each week for an \$18.60 monthly rate. Placing the ad has meant a true coming-out for both Cindy and Doug, who take

turns each month visiting the *Advocate* office, dressed in their Sunday best, to pay their account. It's also been an education for the women who take the cash over the counter.

"They were so nervous at first," says Cindy, "you could see their hands shake as they tried to avoid touching me when they took my money. The number of times I got back extra change!" But now, says Doug (who dresses up because, "If they're going to have anything to say about gays, it's going to be positive"), the women are relaxed and friendly.

GARD has grown since its 1980 revival from two to 100 members. It holds monthly social events, ranging from dances to sleigh rides to country camp-outs. It produces a monthly newsletter, sends speakers to Red Deer College and is contemplating becoming a proper society under the Alberta Societies' Act. The group also ran a 7 pm to 10 pm nightly phoneline for a few months, but stopped it because it was too expensive to maintain and because there were too many prank calls.

GARD is now at another crossroads. Recently Doug and his lover, Bruce Marchand, 23, mailed out 82 surveys asking what course supporters wished the organization to take. The survey asked questions like "Should we charge a membership fee?" and "Should we become more active?" In late January, 36 members turned out for a two-hour meeting to discuss the future of the organization. Basically, the six main organizers were tired and wanted help. But they say it's hard to find others willing to donate time, although plenty, about 70 at each of the five dances held in the last two years, are willing to support social activities.

"Our apartment has become Grand Central Station," laments Doug. "We've a spare bed that we have to get rid of because too many people use it to crash."

"You just can't let people know where you live," warns Cindy. For Cindy,

Doug, their lovers and Shauna and Gail, maintaining GARD has become a full-time job. Unable to afford an office, they must work from their homes, using home phone numbers. It's common to get 2 am phone calls from lonely gays. But not all the calls and the letters to the GARD box number come from gay people wanting to connect with a community.

Many inquiries however turn out to be nasty pranks from gay-haters or mistaken calls from desperate closet cases who call hoping to arrange for quick sex. And there are the calls from straight small town Albertans who are also lonely and who know a different meaning for the word "gay."

"Once I got a letter from a 56-year-old farmer," remembers Doug. "I called him and, after speaking for a while, I became unsure he was gay. So I asked him if he'd ever had any gay experiences. He said sure, he'd picked up lots of girls in Calgary. It turns out he thought gay simply meant 'happy.' He thought we were a happy group."

Fear of pranksters crashing social events has led organizers to behave in near mysterious ways. Those who respond to the ad are written back to and invited to call a number. Only after some conversation will GARD dispense more information. Sometimes Cindy or one of the other organizers will arrange to meet the newcomer in a local coffee shop.

Although the organizers are "out" to friends, some family members and co-workers, none is willing to go so public as to appear on television or radio, although they have been invited. In local newspaper stories, false names are used.

"Sometimes you can do more good in the community by not being known," says Cindy. "A just-coming-out gay person might be nervous being seen with you in a public place if everyone in town knows you're gay."

There are many other closeted aspects to GARD. Dances are held a half-hour's drive from the city because half the members are too frightened to attend a gay function within city limits. The dance hall is booked under the title "The Newcomers' Club."

Cindy, who maintains a small archive comprising photo albums and a seven-page typed history of the group, says gays new to Red Deer who are from large cities find its hesitation to give out gay information and its underground procedures strange. "One woman wrote to us that she could hardly believe our ad because, if there was an active gay community in Red Deer, it certainly hid itself well. But we have lived here and we have learned by trial and error. We know what works best. We aren't Calgary and we sure aren't Montreal."

It takes time, money, effort and courage to be a small city gay liberationist. The goals are pretty basic — find out who the other gays in town are and get together — not so much to educate, but just to dance and share a coffee.

The accomplishments are generally very personal. Doug remembers the time a 33-year-old alcoholic married man came up to him at a dance and hugged him, saying, "Thanks, you guys. I can finally accept myself as a gay man." □

"Dump Dianne" movement grows as mayor rejects domestic-partners bill

Feinstein veto draws fire in SF

SAN FRANCISCO — Mayor Dianne Feinstein vetoed this city's proposed "domestic-partners" bill December 9, provoking an angry reaction in the gay community. Mayor Feinstein now must face a special recall vote April 26.

The domestic-partners bill was introduced by Supervisor Harry Britt and approved by the board of supervisors in an 8-to-3 vote November 22. The legislation would have allowed gay and unmarried non-gay couples to declare themselves domestic partners and receive the same benefits and rights now received by spouses.

Feinstein's original reasons for vetoing the bill were that it was vague and unclear, that it was divisive and that it would result in higher insurance premiums for city employees. However, in a January 26 meeting she told gay and lesbian community representatives that she would oppose a second revised version of the bill and would in no way, shape or form put her signature to any legislation that mimicked a marriage certificate. The mayor's decision was apparently influenced by a letter from Catholic Archbishop John R. Quinn, who claimed that the bill was "offensive and severely inimical to marriage and the family, which are the foundation of society."

Even those in the gay community who usually support Feinstein joined in the criticism. Reverend Jim Sandmire of the Golden Gate Metropolitan Community Church said he and others had supported the mayor and excused other decisions she had made, but "there is no excuse for this." Five hundred demonstrators gathered in front of City Hall on the day of Feinstein's announcement, shouting "Dump Dianne." Feinstein's invitation to speak at a fundraising benefit for the Human Rights Campaign Fund in Houston, Texas was abruptly cancelled by organizers.

Feinstein faces a recall vote April 26 after a petition of 35,000 names was presented by a group calling itself the White Panthers. The Panthers have been organizing to oppose the mayor's gun-

control law for several months. Thousands of gay people apparently signed the Panthers' petition in late December to express their anger at the mayor's veto of the domestic-partners bill.

The city's gay political leaders seem to be divided on the recall effort. Many are worried about uniting with the right-wing gun lobby, even though disgusted by Feinstein's veto. Others feel a strong vote of non-confidence in the mayor might encourage a more progressive candidate to challenge her in the regular elections next November. □

AIDS funds approved; new scare over blood

WASHINGTON DC — The US Congress has approved a \$2-million package for research into Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. AIDS has stricken nearly 1,000 people across the United States during the past three years, and 75% of the victims have been gay men. Now a new controversy over the danger of blood donations from "high-risk groups" has made front-page headlines.

The \$2-million funding bill, which became law December 21, was a compromise between a \$2.6-million measure approved by the House of Representatives and a \$1.5-million bill approved by the Senate. The bill was the result of intense

lobbying by gay groups, who expressed satisfaction that Congress had finally taken note of AIDS as a serious health problem.

The AIDS scare took a new twist late in December after it was reported that a baby had contracted the ailment, possibly through blood transfusions from a man who subsequently died of AIDS. Nine hemophiliacs who receive regular blood transfusions have also developed the syndrome. Hemophiliacs are at high risk because the blood product they receive is produced by concentrating extracts from blood taken from more than a thousand donors.

A joint statement by the American Red Cross, the American Association of Blood Banks and the Council of Community Blood Centers January 14 rejected a call to ban blood donations from high-risk groups — gay men, Haitian immigrants and intravenous-drug abusers. The statement declared that "direct or indirect questions about a donor's sexual preference are inappropriate and ineffective in eliminating those donors who may carry AIDS."

In spite of that statement, the National Hemophilia Foundation issued a statement January 17 calling on manufacturers of blood products to refuse blood donations from gay men and to identify potential gay male donors through direct questioning. In the face of criticism from gay leaders, Alan P.

Brownstein, executive director of the foundation, agreed that the statement could have a detrimental impact on the gay community. "On hindsight I think we might have focused better on precise wording to avoid confusion or misinterpretation," he said.

There is still no definitive proof that AIDS can be transmitted through blood transfusions.

In New York, Gay Men's Health Crisis Incorporated, which provides information on AIDS and counselling and patient services to AIDS victims, has rented the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus and Madison Square Gardens for a special benefit performance April 30. The group, which has more than 300 volunteers, is seeking to raise at least \$150,000 to help carry on its work.

Governor Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey issued a proclamation January 3 declaring February 1983 AIDS Awareness Month. There were 52 cases of AIDS reported in New Jersey as of December 1, 1982. Several educational events are planned for the month and clinics for screening and testing of AIDS cases have been set up. New Jersey Gay Coalition president Allen Kratz said the declaration will "let people know about AIDS and understand as much as is known about it. It's a good lesson in how the gay community and federal and state health officials can work together." □

photo: Peg Byron

Media madness for the holidays

The North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) was splashed across the front pages of US east coast tabloids just before Christmas, and even received a full-page denunciation in the January 17 issue of *Time*, as police and FBI agents swept down on members' homes. The sensational media event was the biggest "gay sex scandal" since the Washington press invented a Congressional page-boy sex ring to pick things up over last summer's news doldrums. The NAMBLA hysteria seemed tailored for the Christmas market.

Three NAMBLA members were arrested with two boys at a cottage in Wareham, Massachusetts, near Cape Cod, and charged with indecent assault and kidnapping December 3. Police carted away a large stash of pornography and went to the media.

The *Boston Herald American* echoed police sources calling NAMBLA "a highly organized group of men with a single purpose — sex," and a "bizarre international man-boy sex club." In a December 7 article under the headline, "Sex Ring Recruited with Gifts, Literature Defends Homosexuality," the *Herald* went on, "Thou-

sands of boys, some no more than eight or nine years old, were lured into friendships by gift-giving men who eventually seduced and often photographed them, police sources said yesterday."

The real hysteria was yet to come. Just before Christmas a police press conference announced that a photograph found in the December 3 raid was that of Etan Patz, a six-year-old who disappeared from New York's SoHo district in 1979. "We're 95% sure it's him," said Detective Jack Russell of the Wareham police.

"Did Sex Club Trap This Boy?" asked the December 20 *Herald*. "In the name of what twisted idea of sexual freedom can anyone justify as 'benevolent' the criminal taking of a first-grade boy from his

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NAMBLA's David Ingalls (right) and David Thorstad confront the press: despite the evidence, hysteria had the last word



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Royal court bumps would-be counsellor

AMSTERDAM — Not to be outdone by the British, the Dutch royal court has produced its very own gay scandal.

An applicant for the post of staff counsellor at the royal court was rejected at the very last stage of the hiring process on the grounds of his homosexuality last November. The applicant had passed five interviews and was selected for the post when a routine security check turned up his homosexuality.

The Dutch gay organization COC demanded an explanation from the prime minister, who replied that although he felt the situation was unsatisfactory, this was an "exceptional circumstance." The head of the Dutch government information service explained that since a staff counsellor would have to deal with families, a homosexual could not be "first choice. One doesn't appoint a Moslem to solve problems among Christians."

Meanwhile, the Dutch secretary of defence has agreed to a request from the country's army union to permit soldiers to wear earrings, despite protests by officers that such jewelry might become entangled in machinery. A defence department official described the move as a matter of emancipation for both men and women. Previously earrings had been banned in the army, regardless of the sex of the wearer. □

Appeal squashes Decision of Worms

MAINZ — In a November 19 ruling, an appeals court in this German city overruled the decision of a local magistrate in Worms who found that a contract between homosexuals was void on the grounds that "morally repulsive" behaviour had been involved (see *TBP*, December '82). The German gay press had described the magistrate's decision as "unprecedented homophobia."

The appeals-court decision found that changes in public opinion and law reform decriminalizing homosexual activity could not be deemed irrelevant to civil law. The contract between the gay men in question was therefore declared valid.

In another case that will be of significance to many lesbians and gay men, the provincial supreme court of Hamm affirmed the right of tenants to share private apartments with whomever they wished, regardless of gender and of whether sex was taking place. The decision challenges a long tradition that allowed landlords to supervise the morals of their tenants, and evict tenants who were found wanting. The practice had often been used to evict gay people and unmarried heterosexuals. □

Mexican president revokes anti-porn law

MEXICO — The new Mexican president, Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, elected on a platform of "Moral Renovation of Society," has been forced to revoke an anti-pornography decree proclaimed by his predecessor, Jose Lopez Portillo, after public protest, but there seems to be a continuing swing to the right by the Mexican government on moral issues.

Portillo's "Regulation of Obscene Publications and Objects" proscribed

all forms of media that would incite "indirectly or through means of double entendre, acts that would be contrary to good customs or to morality or which could foment or induce vices," portray "sexual perversion" or "contain semi-nudes, complete nudes or show pubic hair." The decree generated a storm of protest from the publishing industry and progressive groups, including representatives from the lesbian group Oikabeth, from Mexico City's Grupo Lambda and from gay collectives outside the capital who condemned it as "fascistic." Mexican feminists also widely condemned the law as a threat to freedom of expression.

The new president is expected to introduce his own proposals concerning obscenity later this year. Meanwhile the new climate of moral purity has produced an increase of police harassment of customers of gay night spots in Mexico City. □

French court rejects action against bishop

STRASBOURG — The Strasbourg Correctional Court refused to hear a legal complaint by the Parisian group *Rencontre des homosexuelles en Ile-de-France* (RHIF) against the Bishop of Strasbourg, Monseigneur Leon Arthur Elchinger, November 30, claiming that the bishop's anti-gay remarks had not been directed against any identifiable person.

The complaint was the result of the bishop's last-minute withdrawal of church facilities, which had been booked by the International Gay Association to accommodate its mid-year conference in April 1982. Conference delegates were forced to seek shelter in hastily erected army tents. In a subsequent press conference, Bishop Elchinger told the media, "I respect homosexuals just as I respect the sick. But if they wish to pass off their sickness as health, then I do not agree."

A press conference organized the day after the court decided not to hear the case denounced the view that homosexuality is a sickness. "Behind the word 'sickness' there are very ugly meanings," said historian Jean Paul Aron. "It is easy to move from the diagnostic to the anathema. There is no fundamental difference between sickness and malignancy."

The RHIF and its supporters are presently considering appealing the case to a higher court.

The decision has strengthened the petition campaign for the country's national gay organization, the *Comité d'Urgence Anti Repression Homosexuelle* (CUARH). The group is calling for the inclusion of sexual orientation in the country's anti-discrimination laws, which are up for review in 1983.

Although the Mitterrand government repealed the remaining anti-gay articles from the French criminal code, discrimination in housing, services, child custody and education still exist. The CUARH reasons that the inclusion of sexual orientation in the country's tough anti-discrimination laws could be an important step in fighting these diffuse forms of heterosexism. □

World News credits

Gay Community News (Boston), *The Washington Blade* (Washington, DC), *The Advocate* (San Mateo), *The Bay Area Reporter* (San Francisco), *Gay Community News* (Melbourne), *Homophonies* (Paris), *Gai Pied* (Paris), *Torso* (Berlin), Kendall Lovett (Sydney). Special thanks to Bob Nelson in New York for research on the NAMBLA story.

NSW bias ban doesn't stop cops

SYDNEY — The Australian state of New South Wales amended its anti-discrimination act to protect lesbians and gay men from discrimination in employment, public education, services and accommodation November 26. Ironically, it is still illegal to engage in homosexual activity in the state and police moved against a gay disco January 29. Several men were arrested on indecency charges.

The amendment was introduced by the state's Labour-Party government in spite of a hysterical anti-gay campaign orchestrated by right-wing member of parliament and broadcaster, the Reverend Fred Nile. Nile's wild allegations that the amendment would permit homosexual teachers to sexually assault school children with impunity backfired and isolated him from other slightly more sane conservative forces.

The discrimination law was a real shot in the arm for the state's gay movement, which had seen a series of defeats in its attempt to reform anti-gay criminal law over the past year.

The police force was thrown into a tizzy by the law change. "Practising homosexuals — like practising thieves — will not be accepted in the New South Wales police force despite the new anti-discrimination laws," warned a shaken Assistant Police Commissioner Angus Graham. Graham said there was a major conflict between the new anti-discrimination laws and criminal law prohibiting homosexual acts. "The solution to the dilemma is obvious," said Sydney gay activist Ken Lovett. "The NSW government should repeal the vicious anti-gay sections of the Crimes Act 1900."

But Sydney police seem far from recognizing the new law as a signal of acceptance for the gay community. Police

forced their way into Club 80, a popular gay club, early in the morning of January 29, detaining the 250 people inside, some for up to four hours, until they furnished identification, addresses and employment information. Thirty people were taken and held in the Darlinghurst police station but were later released without being charged. Four men were charged with committing an "indecent assault on a male person, with or without consent."

Community response was swift. A leaflet condemning the raid was distributed in less than twelve hours and a demonstration of 1,000 angry lesbians and gay men Saturday, February 5 demanded that all charges be dropped. The International Gay Association has called for protests from around the world.

The community also is taking the offensive against Reverend Fred Nile. On the same day the anti-discrimination law was passed, Sydney's Gay Solidarity Group (GSG) was recognized as an interested party and allowed to challenge the licence renewal of radio station 2GB on the grounds that Reverend Fred Nile's regular four-hour Sunday-night show was offensive to gay people and their friends and used religious broadcasting time for political purposes.

During the hearings before the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal December 15, barrister David Buchanan introduced tapes of Nile's program where homosexuals were described as "vomit and garbage" and were said to "deserve to have their necks broken."

In spite of the strong presentation, the tribunal announced the renewal of the station's licence for a three-year period. 2GB is one of the oldest commercial stations in the country. □

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parents?" commented a *New York Times* columnist.

By this time FBI agents had ransacked the apartments of two NAMBLA members in New York and questioned five others. Affidavits used to obtain search warrants referred to a number of suspected offences, including "possession of obscene material," "kidnapping" and "trafficking in white slaves."

The *New York Daily News* suggested December 26 that NAMBLA facilitated a procedure by which "you pay thousands of dollars and put in an order for a seven-year-old child with red hair, the next day he arrives at your door." Police sources speculated that NAMBLA was making up a "catalogue of available boys."

NAMBLA hit back December 28 with press conferences of its own in Boston and New York. Spokespersons David Thorstad and John Mitzel showed the press a copy of the original picture of the boy police were "95% sure" was Etan Patz. It had been published in a non-pornographic calendar in 1968, three years before Patz was born.

"NAMBLA is a public and legal organization," explained Mitzel. "It seeks to educate society about the benevolent nature of man-boy love and supports the liberation of persons of all ages from sexual prejudice, exploitation and oppression. NAMBLA is not and never has been involved in prostitution, the production or distribution of pornography or the transportation of minors for illegal purposes."

"We recognize that sexual abuse of children does occur and we deplore it,"

added Bill Andriette, a 17-year-old NAMBLA member. "But we also know from experience that meaningful, consensual sexual and emotional relationships can and do occur between men and boys. No FBI raid can stop that."

Hysteria seems to still have the last word. The New Jersey press, full of features on "child molestation," quoted a county prosecutor as saying, "our children are being abducted at alarming rates." One New Jersey county has begun a programme of fingerprinting school children.

Time's January 17 feature on pedophilia informed readers that "a surprising number (of pedophiles) are otherwise respectable and well-to-do," and warned: "Locations for contact are obvious, bus stations, amusement arcades, and school yards.... The seduction is frequently played out over a period of weeks or months.... Once hooked the child is often posed for pornographic pictures and asked to recruit other children."

"To hear many pedophiles tell it, they are actually protecting the child by isolating him in a warm, romantic setting where he gets the love that parents and peers refuse to give. That rationalization has taken in some sexologists who play down the risk of damage to the child and blame it on the outraged reaction of the parents."

Time concluded, "Despite the pedophiles' belief that almost any sexual taste can be rendered respectable, no society interested in its own preservation can allow such conduct."

NAMBLA clearly has its work cut out for it. □

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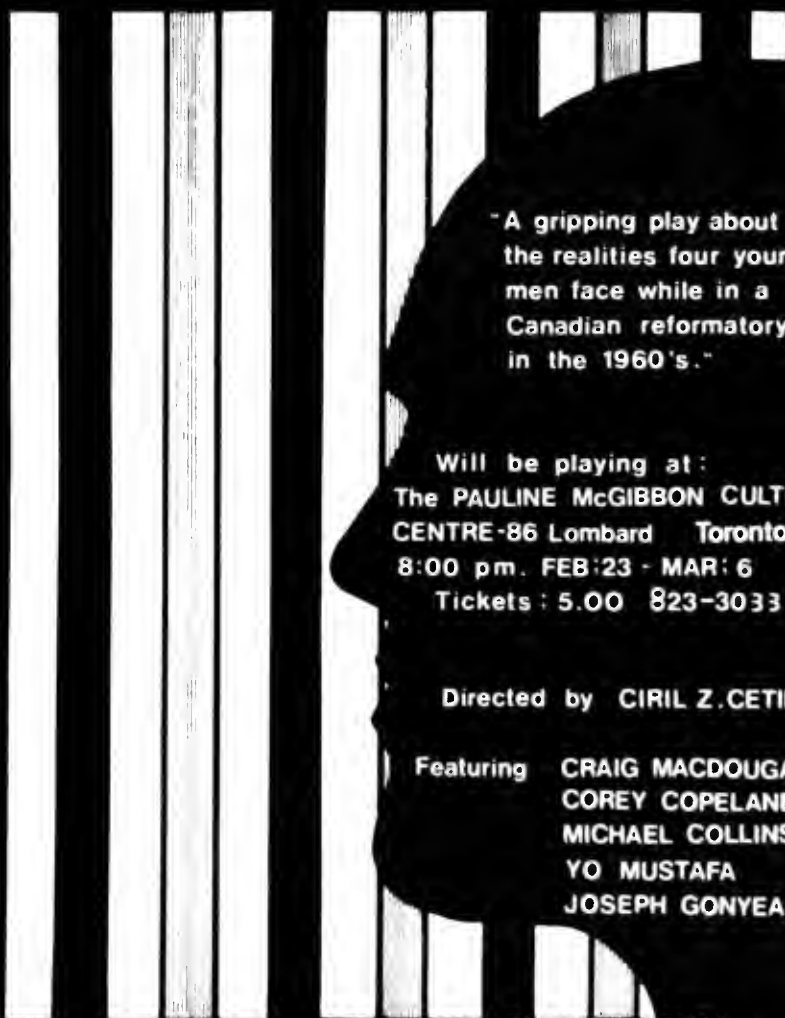
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TBP'S GUIDE TO WHAT'S GOING ON IN TORONTO THIS MONTH

TV/Radio Stephen Stuckey

□ **A Fringe of Leaves.** A reading of gay Australian writer (*The Twyborn Affair*) Patrick White's novel. Ellen, a Victorian farmer's daughter, marries an aristocratic Englishman and travels to Tasmania. On the way, she is shipwrecked off the Queensland coast and taken prisoner by aborigines — she learns about cruelty and savagery at the point of a spear. In twenty parts. CBC Radio. Mon-Fri, Mar 7-Apr 1. 10:25 pm.

□ **Feminism in the Political Arena.** Four programmes examining various feminist strategies for affecting change in political spheres, and the opposition to these strategies as seen by leading feminists in English Canada, Quebec, Britain and the US. *Ideas*, CBC Stereo. Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 at 8:05 pm.

□ **All About Eve.** Mankiewicz's 1950 backstage story about superambitious Anne Baxter and glitteringly poisonous George Sanders exudes vast amounts of glossy cynicism, aided by the likes of bitchy Bette Davis and beautiful Marilyn Monroe. *Saturday Night at the Movies*, TVOntario. Feb 26, 10 pm.

□ **Emma Goldman: A Life of Anarchy.** She showed up in *Ragtime* and *Reds*, but "this is her real story," according to CBC. A four part series on the anarchist, feminist, and defender of free love and homosexuality, who was born in Lithuania and died in Toronto. *Ideas*, CBC Stereo. Feb 28, Mar 7, 14 and 21, 8:05 pm.

Stage Jon Kaplan

□ **The Dear Love of Comrades.** Canadian premiere of Noel Greig's musical play about the life of Edward Carpenter, pioneer of the Independent Labour Party movement in Victorian England, whose open declaration of homosexuality forced his party to take a stand on gay rights. Feb 27-Mar 6, 8 pm. The final show will be a special benefit performance for the Gay Community Appeal. University College Playhouse, 79A St George St. 978-6307.

□ **Pasolini/Pelosi.** Sky Gilbert's new show, a theatrical investigation into the murder of film director Pier Paolo Pasolini. Thurs-Sun, Mar 18-Apr 3. The Theatre Centre, 666 King St W. 862-0659.

□ **An Evening with Dorothy Parker.** Adapted and directed by Susan Lowrie, from the writings of the inimitable wit. Mar 2-6, 8 pm. George Ignatieff Theatre, Trinity College, Devonshire Place. 978-4166.

□ **Fortune and Men's Eyes.** John Herbert's play about homosexuality (and other things) in Canadian prisons in the '60s. Metro Theatre Productions remounts its version at the Pauline McGibbon Cultural Centre, 86 Lombard. Feb 23-Mar 6, 8 pm. 823-3033.

□ **Mad in Canada.** Comedy revue whose hallmark is geniality rather than biting satire. Its gay sketch is sympathetic if predictable. Mon-Fri, 8:30 pm; Sat, 8 and 10:30 pm; Mon, pay what you can. Old Angelo's, 45 Elm St. 597-0155.

□ **Toronto Dance Theatre.** The company that helped put Toronto on the Canadian contemporary dance map honours its founders with evenings devoted to their choreography. Patricia Beatty's work will be on view Feb 23-26; Peter Randazzo's choreography will be highlighted Mar 2-5. 8 pm. 80 Winchester St. 967-1365.

□ **Louis Falco Dance Company.** Falco, best known for his choreography in the movie *Fame*, returns to Toronto after last year's successful engagement. This year's works include *Black and Blue*, *Little Boy* and *Escargot*. Mar 15-19, 8 pm. Ryerson Theatre, 43 Gerrard St E. 595-5088.

□ **3 x Tenn.** The University of Windsor



Francesco Clemente: "visions of polysexuality"

Graduating Class with one-act plays by Tennessee Williams: *Talk to Me Like the Rain*, *Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton* and *Hello from Bertha*. Mar 10-13, 8:30 pm. The Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W. 869-8412.

□ **To Serve and Protect.** Theatre Autumn

Angel presents a workshop version of Colleen Murphy's new play about the conflicts between the public and private lives of two police officers. Feb 27 and Mar 6, 7 pm. St Paul's Centre, 121 Avenue Rd. 365-0533.

□ **Cabaret.** The Limelight Dinner Theatre production starring Tom Kneebone and Jan

Kudelka has moved to Teller's Cage Dinner Theatre, Commerce Court. 862-1434.

□ **Oh! Calcutta!** Musical with a bit of nudity and even less entertainment. Mon-Thurs, 9 pm; Fri-Sat, 8 and 10:30 pm. Variety Dinner Theatre, 2335 Yonge St. 489-7777.

□ **Let My People Come.** A sex musical, with some lesbian and gay material. Basin St Cabaret, 180 Queen St W. Mon-Thurs, 8 pm; Fri-Sat, 8 and 11 pm. 598-3013.

□ **The Dresser.** See review p 24.

Art Nicolas Jenkins

□ **Madwoman.** Performance by H Allin, M Bociurkiw, and B Louder, which asks for a re-evaluation of women and mental illness, in terms of ritualized oppression within our society. ARC, 789 Queen St W. 368-5643. Feb 25-26, 8:30 pm. \$3.

□ **Twice Told Tales.** Constance deJong, author of *Modern Love* and described as a "radicalized Scheherazade intent on eroding, among other things, the tyranny of gender," will be in town to give a reading, and possibly to prepare and produce a new work for broadcast television. Not to be missed! Part of A Space's "Intervention" series curated by Tim Guest. The Rivoli, 334 Queen St W. 596-1908. Mar 2, 8 pm. \$3.

□ **Film and Video Against Censorship Benefit.** Dance, film, music, poetry and comedy for a good cause. The Funnel, 507 King St E. 364-7003. Feb 26, 8 pm.

□ **Sex and Representation Series.** After the very successful Von Gloeden show, A Space presents parts two and three in the series. Italian artist Francesco Clemente's drawings are described as "an ambiguous and compelling vision of polysexuality... which vividly portray a kind of self-realization through sex." (Through Feb 26). New York painter Pat Steir uses a rather romantic/symbolic approach to the theme of sexuality. (Feb 28-Mar 19). A Space, 299 Queen St W, Suite 507. 595-0790.

□ **Reclaiming Documentary.** Martha Rossler, respected writer and performance artist, will lecture on the theory of the documentary image and the importance of returning it to its "original" political roots. Cana-



About ninety minutes into *Without a Trace*, a new film directed by Stanley Jaffe, the plot appears to be all wrapped up. Susan (Canadian Kate Nelligan, at left) has resigned herself to never seeing her six-year-old son again, after his disappearance on his way to school one morning. Almost everyone is satisfied the case has been solved when a family friend and former house-boy in his twenties, an "avowed homosexual," is discovered to have a record for being involved with a fourteen-year-old boy, especially when a raid on his apartment turns up handcuffs, whips, chains — and a blood-stained pair of the boy's shorts.

But an eleventh hour plot twist reveals that the boy is alive and well. Unlike the rest of the film (in the understated style of *Kramer vs Kramer*, which Jaffe produced), this ending is unconvincing, but it's certainly an admirable step forward in educating the public about pedophilia. None other than Susan, the boy's mother, lectures the audience on how pedophilia is not necessarily violent or even exploitative, and that the overwhelming majority of adults involved with children are heterosexual.

Or did the filmmakers just want a happy ending?

MARCH

Daniel Allman and Angelo Pedari
in Sky Gilbert's Pasolini/Pelosi

dian Centre of Photography, 596 Markham St. 536-5400. Mar 3, 7 pm. \$4/5.

□ **Building Women's Culture.** The Toronto Women's Cultural Collective presents a two-month festival of discussions and formal and on-street exhibitions of women's art and culture. Starting on International Women's Day and running through April. For up-to-date info, phone 534-1682.

Cinema Stephen Stuckey

□ **Lianna.** John Sayles's film set in a New Jersey academic community stars Canadian Linda Griffiths as a married mother of two who wakes up one day and discovers that in reality she is a lesbian mother of two. Fine Arts, Yonge north of Eglinton. 487-4548.

□ **Tootsie.** Hirsute Dustin Hoffman sports funky pastel twin-sets as he straightens out the messed-up lives of the beautiful women around him in this true-to-life comedy. Long lineups. Hyland, Yonge at St Clair. 962-2891.

□ **Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean.** Robert Altman's new film possesses all the oozy sleaziness of *Confidential* magazine — transsexual Karen Black plays the kind of girl who lip-synchs to Eydie Gormé records in tacky Kansas City bars. Trashy. Carlton Cinema (at Yonge), Eaton Centre Cineplex. 296-3456.

□ **Female Trouble.** Divine stars in this epic John Waters movie concerning Dawn Davenport, runaway schoolgirl. Opens with Dawn trashing her parents' Christmas tree, and goes downhill from there. Rivoli, 334 Queen St W. Feb 27, 7 pm. 596-1908.

□ **In the Best Interests of the Children.** Classic documentary about lesbian mothers, screened by the Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund. Scadding Court Community Centre, Dundas St W and Bathurst. Mar 25, 8 pm. Donation requested.

□ **The Stationmaster's Wife.** Fassbinder's 1977 telefilm analyzes the *ennui* suffered by a petit bourgeois Bavarian *hausfrau* — her faithlessness leads to sorrow and ruin. With Kurt Raab and Elisabeth Trissenaar. International Cinema, Yonge at Eglinton. 489-3800.

Music John Allec

□ **Kiri Te Kanawa.** Charles and Di probably thought *they* were giving *her* an honour when she sang at their wedding, but history will tell.... The New Zealand soprano with the funny name and exquisite voice comes to Toronto for a concert of Berlioz, Handel and Puccini at Roy Thomson Hall, March 12 at 8 pm (broadcast the next day at 3 pm by CBC Stereo). Also singing in two Metropolitan Opera broadcasts of Strauss operas: *Arabella* on March 5 at 2 pm, and *Der Rosenkavalier* on March 19 at 1:30 pm.

EATING OUT

Greg Saint Louis

★ *Members of Lambda Business Council*

□ **Special this issue:** Carlton Eat Well. Ingenious sandwiches and great specials. Some inconsistencies — jarring x-port green and vermilion surroundings and some attitude — but this place is brand new. Carlton St at Ontario, 924-6733. \$20-40 for 2.

□ **Amsterdam Café.** Still the best deli 'n' Dutch treats on Church St, 485 just south of Wellesley.

□ **Barney's.** Breakfast and lunch. JUST PLAIN GOOD. \$10 or less for 2. 385 Queen St W.

□ **Bemelman's.** Pop singles bar and pricey restaurant. Fashionably cruisy, especially early Sunday. 83 Bloor St W. 960-0306.

□ **Calé New Orleans.** See/be seen patio packed year 'round. Beer, wine, innocuous fare. Go for the view. 618 Yonge St. 922-2439.

□ **Carlevale's.** Unaffected distinction in Italian dining at a languid pace. 158 Avenue Rd. 922-4787.

□ **Chez Loli.** Cozy, very pink New-French meals. \$40+ for 2. 69 Yorkville Ave. 960-0894.

★ **Crispins.** Innovative winter prix-fixe and à la carte menus; European, local and vegetarian cuisines. Popular wine list, well researched. \$20-50 for 2. 66 Gerrard St E. 977-1919.

★ **Dudes.** Full menu. 10 Breadalbane (behind Parkside Tavern). 923-6136.

□ **18 East Hotel & Tavern.** Inexpensive home-cooked meals. Daily prime rib special, \$4.95; Sunday brunch \$3.95. 18 Eastern Ave. 368-4040.

□ **Emilio's.** Sandwich stop, restaurant, bar on low east side. Brilliant menu changes every week. \$20-40 for 2. 127 Queen St E. 366-3354.

□ **Fare Exchange.** Small neighbourhood café. 4 Irwin Ave. 923-5924.

□ **Fenton's.** Pre-eminent temple of reflection. Less expensive room downstairs. \$60-100 for 2. 2 Gloucester St. 961-8485.

□ **Fiesta.** Bright, lively hyper-trend restaurant; unusual specials. 838 Yonge St. 924-1990.

□ **Figaro Ristorante and Cabaret.** Italian food, LA entertainment. 21 Yorkville Ave. 923-3263.

□ **Hart's.** Homey open room features coeurs à la kitsch, all-day menu and desserts. Full bar. Casual, friendly staff, good prices. \$8-30 for 2. 225 Church St at Dundas. 368-5350.

★ **Jennie's.** Casual restaurant with anything from burgers to steaks. Fully licensed. 360 Queen St E (at Parliament). 861-1461.

□ **Johnny K's.** Swank chromo-bar/supper salon on the beach. All day menu, brunch, full license. \$15-20 for 2. 1955 Queen St E. 698-7133.

★ **Les Cavaliers.** Continental menu, daily specials. 418 Church St. 977-4702.

★ **Lipstick.** Café-bar with full menu plus late-night snack stuff. Music drifts from disco to nuevo wavo. 4:30 pm-3 am (4 am weekends). 2 for 1 brunch

The Stationmaster's Wife: *ennui* in the night



first Sun of month. 580 Parliament St. 922-6655.

□ **Living Well is the Best Revenge.** Late-date café open daily until 2, Fri & Sat to 4. Soup/sandwiches, beer/wine. 692 Yonge St. 922-6770.

□ **Major Roberts.** Neighbourhood bar upstairs, dining downstairs. Inexpensive lunches; fixed-price Sunday brunch. 124 Harbord St. 968-7000.

□ **Master Chef.** Spanish goodies and jugs of sangria. \$25-40 for 2. Bloor St W at Brunswick.

□ **Metropolitan.** Snappy Jetson-like space — attracts advance guard of fashion. Food unpredictable. Sporty lounge quiet on Sunday afternoons. 667 Yonge St. 968-2571.

□ **Mushrooms.** Casual basement restaurant. Business clientele changes to show-biz/gay crowd in late eve. 49 Front St E. 368-1898.

□ **The Outpost (at Hotel California).** Inexpensive menu. 319 Jarvis St. 925-6215.

□ **Parkway Restaurant and Tavern.** Vintage Cabagetown chophouse with free live acts \$10 or less. 488 Parliament St. 924-7202.

□ **Peachtree Restaurant.** Burgers, salads, soups, desserts. Till 1 am daily. 678 Yonge St. 967-4800.

★ **Pimblett's.** Gaudy friendly British pub/bistro — import draught, desserts. 249 Gerrard St E. 929-9525.

□ **Queen Mother Calé.** Cosy, informal place with reasonably priced soups, salads, sandwiches and desserts. 206 Queen St W. 598-4719.

□ **Raclette.** Hearty sandwiches, lively salads, fondues, raclettes, and a truly amazing by-the-glass wine list. \$15-30 for 2. 361 Queen St W. 593-0934.

□ **The Rivoli.** Popular soup, sandwich and dessert spot with Laotian specialties. Cabaret space in back room. 334 Queen St W. 596-1908.

□ **Le Select Bistro.** Parisian fare, daily specials and vins du jour. Jazz/blues tapes and smart service. \$15-30 for 2. 328 Queen St W. 596-6405.

□ **Together.** Continental menu, specials. Sunday allyoucaneat! \$6. 457 Church St. 923-3469.

NIGHTLIFE

Bars

□ **The Albany Tavern.** 158 King St E. 861-1155. Lounge, beverage room, dance floor with DJ, patio. Popular Sunday tea-dances.

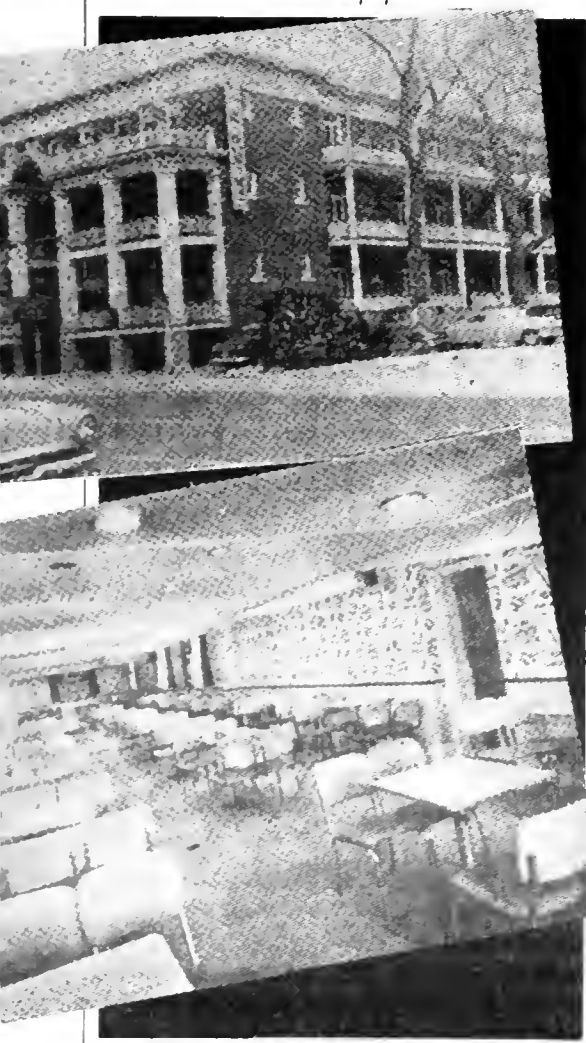
□ **The Barn.** 83 Granby St. 977-4702. Casual stand-up bar and disco.

ON THE TOWN

Those into observing the migratory patterns of Toronto's gay crowds are having a field day lately.... The **Club Mystique**, in what used to be David's, wooed DJ Greg Howlett from Stages, and the extravagant space, sound system and lights may rival Stages' sensory overload. The managers also own Montreal's successful **Mystique**.... Meanwhile, Wally MacDonald has transferred his loyalties from The Albany's disco booth to **Stages**, though the Sunday tea dances at **The Albany** are thankfully still a hit.... **Cornelius**, which made an abortive attempt last year to get a gay clientele, has once again decided to switch from wine, women and song to drugs, dicks and disco.... **Malloney's** is starting out with a friendly mixture of dykes and gay men.... **18 East Hotel and Tavern** is once again laying claim to the leather/-denim crowd, after a try at attracting lesbians.... **New Dimensions**, the new lesbian social group which replaced Lesbian Potluck Suppers, says they're getting over fifty women at get-togethers lately.... **Hoofers Once Again** (*née* Mainstage), has asked that they not be listed in *TBP's* restaurant listings.... Closets, attics and Salvation Army stores throughout TO are being emptied in preparation for GCDC's March 26 **Mardi Gras Costume Ball**.... Party Boys is a new commercial outfit whose March 5 event, **Scavenger Hunt**, may be the first of many. It's being held in Gregory's, ordinarily a straight bar.... The Canadian Opera Company will put on Benjamin Britten's **Death in Venice** in June, 1984. Britten's last opera features a mute boy dancer as Tadzio, symbol of beauty and art to the aging Aschenbach.... The Toronto Stock Exchange has commissioned a sculpture from, of all people, **General Idea**, who generally see themselves as avant-garde.

John Allec

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.... Our researchers recently unearthed a 1950s brochure advertising the Walsingham Hotel, which turns out to be an earlier version of the now-gay Hotel California (see ad p 43). The Tara-like balconies have sadly disappeared, as has the colourful wallpaper.



"You're always on the run, now / Holing up with somebody...."

— Gloria

Sky Gilbert's latest play, previewed in mid-December at The Theatre Centre, presents an unlikely trio of eccentrics all swooning over a demonic, ambisexual stud called Rick. Predictably, Gilbert's monologues are the best part of Gloria, particularly one seduction scene in which Gilbert (far left) sardonically sizes up the massively-endowed and (to us) invisible Rick, all the while lussing demurely with a pair of transparent plastic gloves and chatting about rectal examinations!

Based on Pasolini's Teorema, the play is bound to be controversial. It veers wildly from Rabelaisian high-jinks to homophobic vitriole (Swaantji — Lynne Cormack, centre — regularly deplores the preoccupation of gay men with cock size). As the titular heroine, Kim Renders (right) creates a memorable portrait of an epileptic with a voracious sexual appetite: "I happen to be good in bed — all epileptics are!" Gilbert's unique delineation of her character disarmingly blends sadness and absurdity.

Charles Murdoch's direction seemed inflexible and gentle; some scenes seemed somewhat static, though, and the play needs a more powerful, less conventional conclusion. Gilbert is trying to interest alternative theatre groups in a production of the play, and the future will hopefully contain a full production of this exciting new work.

PG Baker

Hamming it up

The Dresser by Ronald Harwood. Bayview Playhouse, 1605 Bayview Ave. 481-6191. Through March 5.

Toronto Arts Productions' **The Dresser** could well have come directly from Stratford. A conspicuous technical competence is obvious from the staging to the costuming — this is no cheap production. Its exaggerated theatricality, its success on Broadway and the West End, and the press about the Robin Phillips/William Hutt production in Vancouver virtually guaranteed good box office, and the run has in fact been extended.

Harwood seems uncertain as to whether to vilify or venerate Sir, the actor/manager touring wartime England in **King Lear**, around whom all the characters flutter and prostrate themselves. Douglas Campbell gives the role a larger than life performance quite suitable to the lines and situations given him in the script. He gets to do all those things actors would die to do.

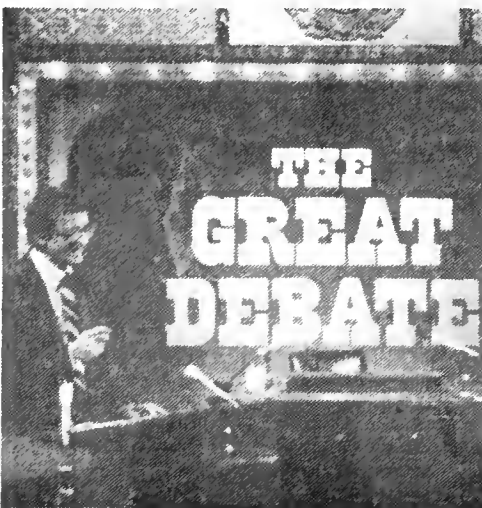
So does Nicholas Pennell as his dresser. Pennell preens and minces and gets increasingly bitchy and drunk, right up to the the traumatic final scenes where his revelation and soul-baring will either tear your heart out or leave you irritated and somewhat perturbed. One is asked to accept him as the central character, a man whose love dare not speak its name for over sixteen years. Sixteen years? Accept this situation or

reject the entire premise of the play.

In an icily mechanical performance as Madge, the long suffering and similarly unrequited stage manager, Frances Hyland sets the tone and terms of the action: "Hopefulness is a disease." In the performance I witnessed, the stage was ablaze with histrionic fireworks — a blaze of briefly lived brilliance but no enduring light.

Dayne Ogilvie

"Should Homosexuals Be Allowed to Adopt Children?" was the question posed on an upcoming program of **The Great Debate**. Gay father John Alan Lee (below) joined Blair Shaw, formerly with **Renaissance Canada**, and host Pierre Berton in the show, which will soon be telecast on CBC-TV (call CBC at 868-1972 for date). A poll of the studio audience before the program indicated a fifty-fifty split of opinion, but Lee had a majority of the audience on his side half an hour later.



- **Boots (at the Selby)**. 592 Sherbourne St. 921-3142. Dance floor, lounge, casual dining room.
- **Buddy's Backroom Bar**. 370 Church St. 977-9955. Chatty, casual stand-up bar.
- **Bud's (at Hotel Selby)**. 592 Sherbourne St. 921-1035. Video, dance floor. Strip show Thurs.
- **Cameo Club**. 95 Trinity St. 368-2824. Licensed private dance club for women. Fri and Sat only.
- **Cornelius**. 579 Yonge St. 967-4666. Cruise bar, dance floor. 7 days a week.
- **Dudes**. 10 Bredalbane St (laneway behind Parkside Tavern). 923-6136. Stand-up and after-hours bar and restaurant.
- **18 East Hotel & Tavern**. 18 Eastern Ave. 368-4040. Leather/levi bar. Pool table, videos, 7 days a week. Happy hour, 9 pm.
- **Katrina's**. 5 St Joseph St. 961-4740. Stand-up bar with dance floor. Open Fri and Sat to 4 am. Cover charge on weekends. Dining lounge.
- **Les Cavaliers**. 418 Church St. 977-4702. Piano singalong bar, very chatty.
- **Malloney's**. 85 Grenville St (one west of Bay). 922-4106. Bar/dance floor. Lesbians and gay men.
- **The Outpost (at Hotel California)**. 319 Jarvis St (side entrance). 925-6215. Leather and denim crowd, esp weekends. Dining room, pool room.
- **Parkside Tavern**. 530 Yonge St. 922-3844. Bar, dining room and men's beverage room.
- **The Quest**. 665 Yonge St. 964-8641. Bar, dining room and upstairs disco.
- **St Charles Tavern**. 488 Yonge St. 925-5517. City's landmark straight-owned gay bar.
- **Together**. 457 Church St. 923-3469. Bar, dining room. Comfortable space for women.

Baths

- **The Backdoor Gym and Sauna**. 12 1/2 Elm St (laneway west of Yonge St 2 blocks south of Gerard St). 977-5997. 24 hours.
- **The Barracks**. 56 Widmer St. 593-0499. Leather/denim. 6 pm-4 am; 24 hours on weekends.
- **The Club**. 231 Mutual St. 977-4629. 24 hours.
- **The Roman's Health and Recreation Spa**. 742 Bay St. 598-2110. 24 hours.

Discos

- **Charly's**. 488 Yonge St, upstairs. 925-5517. Men only. Fri and Sat, 10 pm to 3:30 am.
- **Club Mystique**. 16 Phipps Ave (behind Sutton Place Hotel). 927-7707. Weekends.
- **Manatee**. 11A St Joseph St. 922-1898. Men only. Fri, Sat and Sun.
- **Stages**. 530 Yonge St. 928-0492. Mixed. Sat 12 to 5 am, Sun 10:30 pm-4 am.
- **Twilight Zone**. 185 Richmond St W. 977-3347. New wave, mixed.

Accommodation

- **Catnaps Guesthouse**. 246 Sherbourne St. 968-2323. Fifteen rooms, TV lounge, pool table and game room, laundry and kitchen facilities, sundeck. One or two people: \$20.
- **18 East Hotel & Tavern**. 18 Eastern Ave. 368-4040. Bar and dining room, 22 rooms, TV lounge, sauna, gym, laundry facilities, free parking. One or two people: \$20.
- **Hotel California**. 319 Jarvis St. 925-6215. Renovated. 47 rooms, private baths, lounge. Bar and dining room. \$35 single, weekend rates.
- **The Selby Hotel**. 592 Sherbourne St. 921-3142. Victorian-style hotel; bar, dining room. 72 rooms, private baths. No housekeeping. One person: \$23.50; two people: \$29.50.

COMMUNITY

- **Toronto Gay Community Council**. 105 Carlton St, 4th floor, M5B 1M2. Umbrella organization of lesbian and gay groups. Forum for sharing information and discussing political strategies.

Social/political action

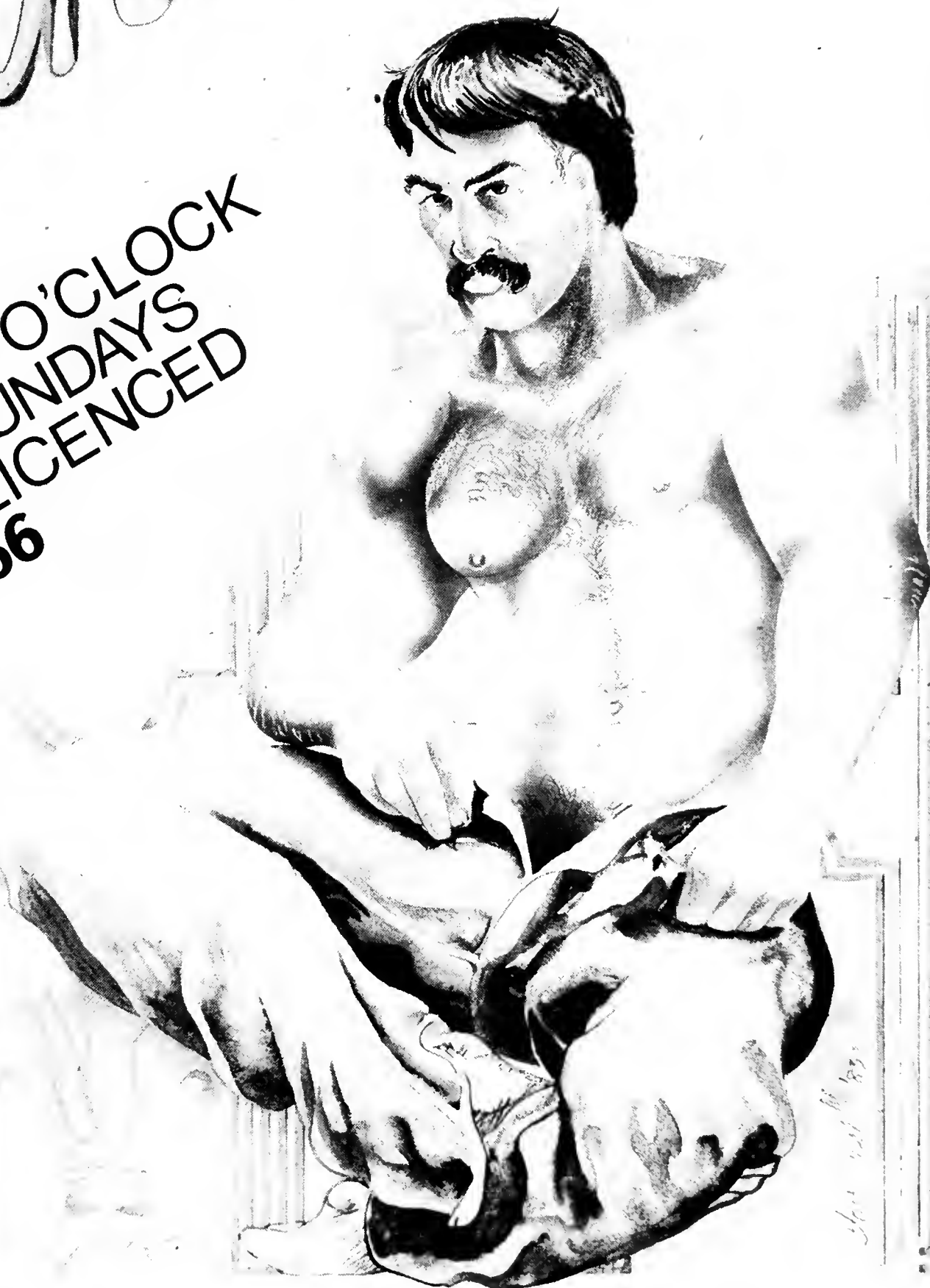
- **Bridges**. Drawer D062, c/o TBP, Box 7289, Stn A, M5W 1X9. Michael Riddon (922-0735). Group connecting lesbian, gay and third world liberation struggles.
- **Chutzpah**. 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4. 782-3942. Group for Jewish gay men and lesbians and friends.
- **Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario (CGRO)**. Box 822, Stn A, M5W 1G3. 533-6824. Toronto office: 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4.
- **Committee to Defend John Darnley**. 1508-914 Yonge St, M4W 3C8. 925-6729.
- **Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Transsexuals (FACT)** — Toronto. 519 Church St Community Centre, M4Y 2C9.
- **Gay Alliance at York**. c/o CYSF, 105 Central Sq, York University, 4700 Keele St, Downsview, ON M3J 1P3. 667-2515.
- **Gay Asians of Toronto**. Drawer R999, c/o The Body Politic, Box 7289, Stn A, M5W 1X9. Monthly meeting and social. Info: Glad Day, 961-4161.

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Wed/Feb 23

- **Out & Out Midweek Downhill Ski Day.** Blue Mountain Peak, 7 am — no crowds, no line-ups! Rental available. Lift tickets appx \$18, plus discretionary expenses (including après-ski supper in Collingwood). Reserve at 927-0970 a week in advance.
- **Gay Community Council.** Monthly meeting. 519 Church St Community Centre, 7:30 pm. Info: 923-GAYS.

Thurs/Feb 24

- **"Gay Art: Towards a Definition."** Presentation by the gay art collective JAC to the Lesbian and Gay Academic Society. Rose Room, Trinity College (U of T). 8 pm.

Fri/Feb 25

- **Samuel Delaney.** The respected science-fiction writer (*The American Shore*) and literary critic speaks on the Michel Foucault: "Of Male Sexuality as a System of Commodity Control." Presented by the Graduate Program in Social and Political Thought. Bethuen College Gallery, third floor, York University Campus.
- **"Racism in the Gay Community."** Discussion organized by Gays and Lesbians at the U of T, including speakers Tim McCaskell, Tony Souza and Richard Fung. International Student Centre, U of T. 7:30 pm.
- **In the Best Interests of the Children.** Presented by the Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund. See *Cinema*.
- **GEM Dance.** Gay Equality Mississauga presents a licensed dance at Unitarian Hall, 84 South Service Rd. 8:30 pm. 1-453-4426.

Sat/Feb 26

- **Doctor's Day.** Physicians from Gays in Health Care will be donating their fees for the day to the Gay Community Appeal. Phone Hassle-Free at 922-0603 for info.
- **New Dimensions.** Lesbian social group. Info: Gayle at 683-8691.
- **Film and Video Against Censorship Benefit.** See *Art*.

Sun/Feb 27

- **Sappho's Birthday.** She would have been over 2500 years old today....
- **Chutzpah's Monthly Brunch.** Break bread with the popular new gay Jewish group. Call 782-3942.
- **Out & Out Cross-Country Ski Day.** Horse-shoe Valley, 7:30 am. Rental available. Info: 960-6005.
- **Toronto Gay Patrol Training Course.** Volunteers wanted! 519 Church St Community Centre, 3-6 pm. Call 968-6744 or 368-6971.
- **The Dear Love of Comrades.** Opening night. See *Stage*.

Tues/March 1

- **Feminism in the Political Arena.** See *TV/Radio*.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 5TH 1983

"Women's Right to a Job, Women's Right to Choose, and Women's Right to Peace" are the demands for this year's International Women's Day, which has a history stretching back to rebellious garment workers in New York City's Lower East Side in 1857.

Three preparatory workshops will explore each of the themes: "Women's Liberation and the Fight Against Wage Controls, Concessions and Unemployment (March 1 at 8 pm, Trinity United Church, 427 Bloor St W); "Women's Liberation and Abortion" (Feb 28 at 8 pm, also Trinity United); and "Women's Liberation, Disarmament and Anti-Imperialism (March 3 at 8 pm, Metropolitan Community Church, 730 Bathurst St). March 5 itself will feature a rally-demonstration with entertainment at Convocation Hall (U of T) at 11 am sharp, and a Fair from 1 to 4 pm at Central Technical School, Bathurst & Harbord. Lesbians are welcome to join the all-women's contingent at the front of the march, or the gay contingent (if the latter, please call 653-4939). Daycare for all of the above is available by pre-registering with John, Cal or Brian at 591-1434.

Two dances are also planned. A mixed dance sponsored by Action Daycare and OPSEU Region 5 Women's Committee (a benefit for Miniskool Workers) takes place Feb 25 at the Robina Ballroom, 1 Robina Avenue (near Oakwood and St Clair); admission \$5. A women-only dance sponsored by the U of T Women's Newsmagazine at 8:30 pm on March 5 will also take place at the Robina.

For more information on any of these events, please call 789-4541.

Wed/March 2

- **Lesbian Phone Line Meeting.** Prospective volunteers welcome. 348 College St, third floor. 7 pm.
- **An Evening with Dorothy Parker.** See *Stage*.
- **Twice Told Tales.** See *Art*.

Thurs/March 3

- **Gay Fathers and Psychiatric Counselling.** Discussion led by Dr K Meen. 519 Church St Community Centre, 8 pm. Info: Gay Fathers of Toronto, 368-1166 or 967-4203.
- **Reclaiming Documentary.** See *Art*.

Fri/March 4

- **GLAUT Talent Night!** Promises to hold at least a few surprises.... Refreshments will be served. University College Union, 79 St George St. 7:30 pm.

Sat/March 5

- **International Women's Day.** See box.
- **Scavenger Hunt.** Party Boys invites you to "dance, drink and discover" at Gregory's,

17 Adelaide St W, from 9 pm to 2 am. No one's sure yet what all the men there are going to be hunting for, but it is on Saturday night.... Three full bars, snacks, lounge. Tickets \$5 advance at Glad Day, \$6 at door.

- **Metropolitan Community Church.** Worship service and promotional for TV program. 730 Bathurst St, 7:30 pm.
- **Chutzpah House Party.** 8 pm at Terry's. 782-3942.
- **Gay Asians Meeting.** Call Glad Day at 961-4161 for info.

Sun/March 6

- **Jewish Lesbian Party.** Sponsored by Chutzpah, 782-3942.
- **New Dimensions.** Lesbian social get-together. Info: Gayle, 683-8691.
- **Reverend Troy Perry.** The long-time head of the Metropolitan Community Church will lead a service at 7:30 pm, 730 Bathurst St.
- **Lesbian Mothers Potluck Supper.** 6:30 pm. Info: 368-2128.
- **The Dear Love of Comrades.** Special benefit performance for the Gay Community Appeal. See *Stage*.

Tues/March 8

- **Lambda Business Council General Meeting.** Prospective members welcome. 7:30 pm at Dude's, with dinner beforehand if you like. Info: Isabel Smythe, 960-1291.

Wed/March 9

- **Out & Out Midweek Downhill Ski Day.** No crowds or line-ups! Rental available. Lifts about \$18, plus discretionary expenses. Call 927-0970 at least a week in advance.
- **Homosexuality and the Bible.** A class sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church. 730 Bathurst St, 7:30 pm.

Thurs/March 10

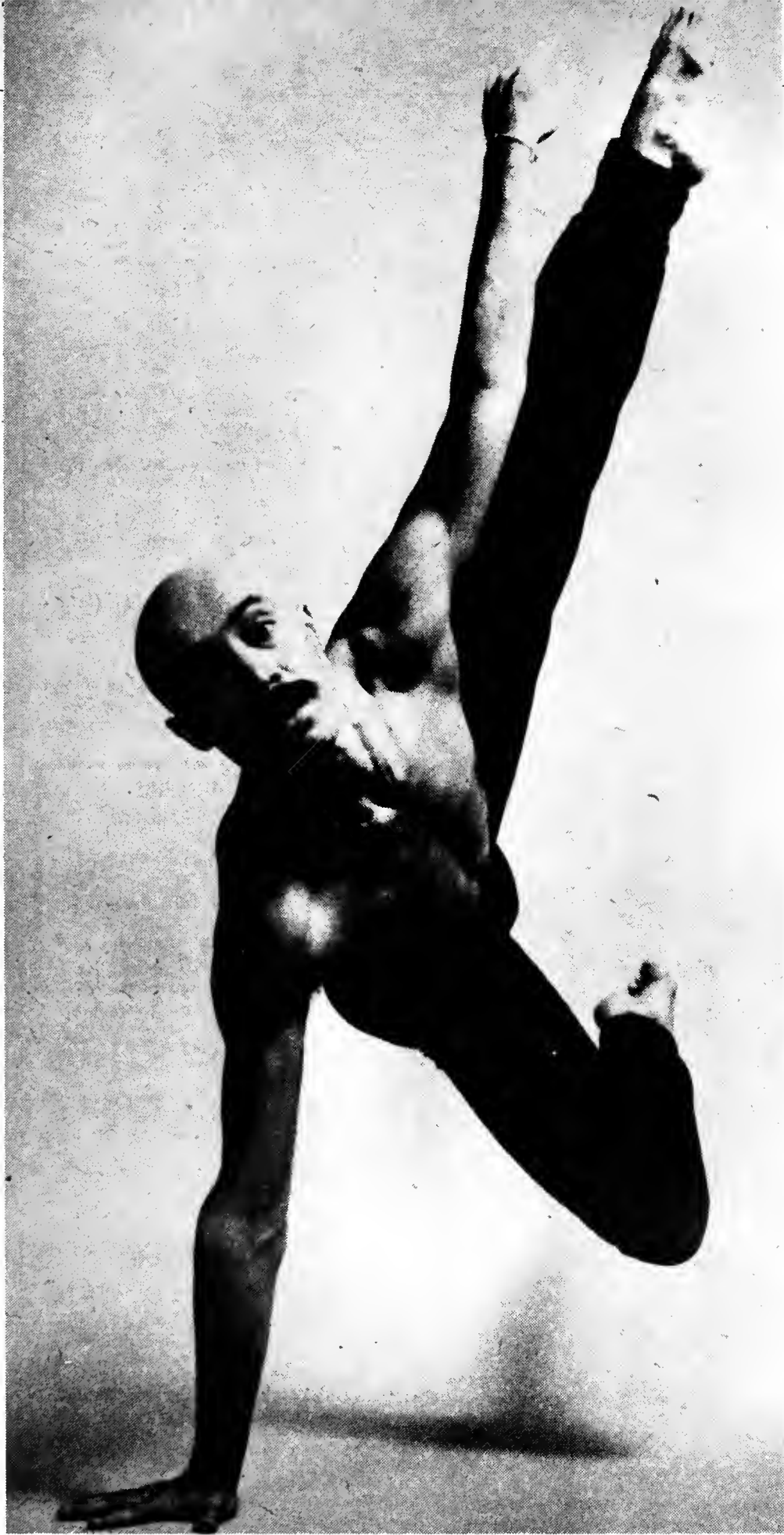
- **"Someone in Your Life is Gay."** The Skills Exchange presents Rev Brent Hawkes of MCC speaking on having friends and relatives who are gay. Topics will include practical, factual information such as gays and the law. 7-10 pm. For more info or to register, call 967-7640 or visit 5 Charles St W. \$20. Course may be repeated April 14th.
- **Out & Out Environmental Series: Birds in Ontario.** Lecture tonight at 7:30 pm. \$3/members, \$4/non-members. Will be followed Mar 15, 20 and 30 with films and field trips to Long Point and Point Pelee. Info: 927-0970.

Fri/March 11

- **"Homophobic Graffiti."** A presentation by Susan Prentice sponsored by GLAUT. International Student Centre, U of T. 7:30 pm.
- **GEM Dance.** Gay Equality Mississauga presents a licensed dance at the Eldorado Hall (call 453-4426 for directions). 8:30 pm.
- **Foundation for the Advancement of**

The Dear Love of Comrades: Stuart Dunsworth (left) as Edward Carpenter and Jonathan Allore as his lover George Adams, in Canadian premiere





Juan Antonio: featured in the company formed by choreographer Louis Falco, famous for *Fame*

Canadian Transsexuals Meeting. 519 Church St Community Centre, 8 pm. A film may be shown; social hour to follow.

Sat/March 12

□ **"The City Gardener."** Out & Out presents an extended course on how to transform that patch of grass on your balcony into a productive and attractive garden. Two lectures and two out-of-town field expeditions. Limited to 15. \$25. Info: 927-0970.

□ **Pasolini/Pelosi.** Premiere of Sky Gilbert's new play. See *Stage*.

□ **Kiri Te Kanawa.** See *Music*.

Sun/March 13

□ **Chutzpah's Monthly Brunch.** 782-3942.

Mon/March 14

□ **U of T Sex-Ed Centre Open House.** 10 am-9 pm through Friday. Gay counsellors Tues night. 978-3977.

Tues/March 15

□ **Chutzpah General Planning Meeting.** 8 pm, 519 Church St Community Centre.

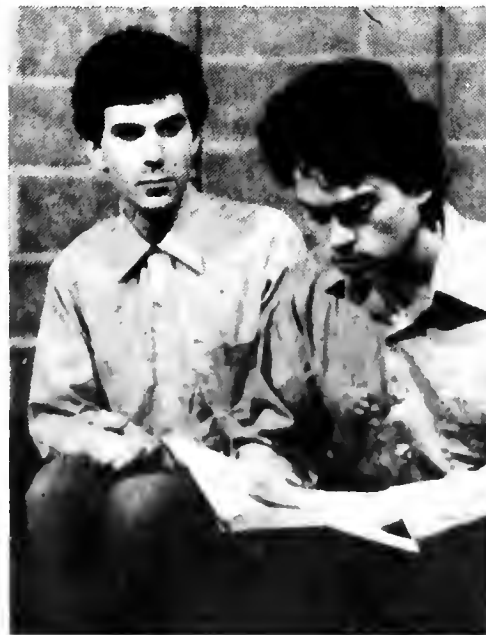
Thurs/March 17

□ **A Day with the Irish.** Special bar night at The Outpost. Last year's was a success, even though nobody showed up in green leather. 319 Jarvis St, late-ish.

□ **"Adhesiveness: Between Friendship and Homosexuality."** Michael Lynch presents a lecture to the Lesbian and Gay Academic Society. Everyone welcome. Rose Room, Trinity College (U of T). 8 pm.

□ **Out & Out Skills Training: Practical Photography.** Three-part course taught by two pros. \$20 (members \$15). 927-0970.

Fortune and Men's Eyes: Back on the boards



Fri/March 18

□ **Gay Fathers of Toronto.** Potluck supper/discussion, 6:30 pm. 368-1166 or 967-4203.
□ **Pornography Panel.** Discussion sponsored by Gays and Lesbians at the U of T. International Student Centre, 7:30 pm.
□ **Out & Out Country Weekend.** At a farmhouse near Buckhorn, with outdoor sports and indoor relaxation. About \$50; \$30 deposit by Mar 4. Info: 927-0970.

Sat/March 19

□ **CGRO invades Niagara Falls!** Two-day meeting in Niagara Falls of the Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario, including a Sunday workshop called "Bitch, Bitch, Bitch!" and meeting of the Steering Committee. 11 am-4 pm Sat and Sun. Billeting, info: 533-6824.

Sun/March 20

□ **New Dimensions.** Social group for lesbians. Info: Gayle at 683-8691.
□ **Dignity (gay Catholics).** Special service prepared by women. See *Sundays*.
□ **Out & Out Hike to Long Point.** 927-0970.

Wed/March 23

□ **Out & Out Mid-Week Cross-Country Skiing.** Info: 927-0970.
□ **Gay Community Council of Toronto.** Forum for sharing info and debating issues. 519 Church St Community Centre, 7:30 pm. Info: 923-GAYS or CGRO (533-6824).

Thurs/March 24

□ **Feminism in the '80s: "Which Way Now, Mother?"** Speaker and panel discussion on the future of Canadian feminism, sponsored by the Ryerson Women's Centre. 380 Victoria St, Room L72 in Lecture Hall. 5:30 pm. Info: Jennifer Martin, 598-9838.

Sat/March 26

□ **Mardi Gras: A Costume Ball.** The Gay Community Dance Committee presents what could be the costume extravaganza of the year, with two dance floors and lotsa fun. Upstairs, DJs Krys Shepherd and Two Man Sound (Peter Seifert and Michael Temple) play the latest in disco, while downstairs Ilona Laney plays rock, new wave and women's music. Prizes for best costumes, of course. Proceeds to twenty-eight community groups. Tickets \$7, available at Toronto Women's Bookstore (40¢ surcharge) and Glad Day Books, or \$5 after 1 am. The Concert Hall, 888 Yonge St (at Davenport). 9 pm-5 am.

□ **Gender Blender Dance.** Licensed dance sponsored by the U of T Sex Ed Centre. The Buttery, Devonshire Place. 8:30 pm. \$3. Sounds like fun!

□ **Out & Out First Aid Training.** An intensive two-day workshop by St John's Ambulance, providing certificate upon completion. Minimum of 8 people required, for special course exclusively for O&O members. \$25. Arrange attendance by March 15. 927-0970.

Sun/March 27

□ **Canadian Day of Lesbian Action.** For events as the day draws near, please call 964-7477 (Rape Crisis Centre) or consult the next issue of *TBP*.

Mon/March 28

□ **Jane Rule's Birthday.** Canada's own version of Sappho turns 52 today.

Tues/March 29

□ **Integrity (gay Anglicans).** Special service: 6:30 pm, Eucharist; 7:15: dinner; 8: Meditation led by Sr Thelma Ann, 9: compline. Church of the Holy Trinity (Eaton Centre).

Thurs/March 31

□ **Out & Out Photography Lecture.** For info, call 927-0970.

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MONDAYS

□ **The Women's Group.** Collectively run support and consciousness-raising group for lesbians. 519 Church St, 8 pm. Contact Raechel (926-0527).
□ **Judy Garland Memorial Bowling League.** 9 pm. For info, ask at Buddies, Dudes, Boots or the Albany.
□ **Overeaters Anonymous.** For gays and lesbians. 8 pm, 730 Bathurst St.
□ **Lesbian/Lesbienne: the National Lesbian Newsletter.** Meetings at 7:30 pm. Contact Kerry for more info: 367-0589.

TUESDAYS

□ **Integrity (Gay Anglicans).** Church of the Holy Trinity (Eaton Centre). 7:30 pm, except Mar 29 (see calendar).
□ **Lesbian and Gay Youth Toronto.** 7:30 pm. 519 Church St.

WEDNESDAYS

□ **Metropolitan Community Church.** Midweek services. 730 Bathurst St. Wheelchair accessible, amplified for the hearing-impaired.
□ **No-Name Café.** For people who want an alternative to the bar scene. A place to relax, with coffee, tea and conversation. 519 Church St, 8-10 pm.
□ **Toronto Addicted Women's Self-Help Network.** Self-help group for women addicted to alcohol and other drugs. Central Neighbourhood House. 349 Ontario St, 7 pm. Info: 961-7319.
□ **International Women's Day Committee.** 7:30 pm. Info: 789-4541.
□ **Lutherans Concerned.** 8 pm in a member's home. Info: David at 596-7052. March 2 and 16.

THURSDAYS

□ **Canadian Gay Archives.** Open for research and tours, 7-10 pm. 24 Duncan St, fifth floor. Info: 977-6320.
□ **Gay Alliance at York.** Ross Bldg, faculty lounge (S-869).
□ **Married Lesbians.** Support discussion group sponsored by Spouses of Gays. 1:30 pm, 206 St Clair Ave W. 967-0597.
□ **Gay/Lesbian Action for Disarmament.** 7:30 pm. 921-1938. Mar 3 and 17.
□ **TAG Coming Out Group.** Meets in private home. Supportive atmosphere for people coming to terms with their sexuality. 8 pm. Info: 964-6600.
□ **Judy Garland Memorial Bowling League.** 9:30 pm. Info: ask at Buddies, Dudes, Boots or the Albany.
□ **Women Against Violence Against Women.** 519 Church St, 7:30 pm. March 10 and 24.

WEEKENDS

Fridays


□ **Riverdale Volleyball League.** For info, ask at the gay-owned bars.

Saturdays

□ **Lesbian and Gay Youth Toronto.** Informal coming out group, 2-5 pm, 519 Church St.

Sundays

□ **Dignity Toronto.** Worship followed by discussion. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sherbourne St, 4 pm. 960-3997.
□ **Metropolitan Community Church.** Singing at 7:10, worship at 7:30 and fellowship following. 730 Bathurst St. Wheelchair accessible, amplified for the hearing-impaired.
□ **Alcoholics Anonymous.** High Noon Gay-Lesbian Group. 12 noon, 730 Bathurst St. Speaker. Open to all.



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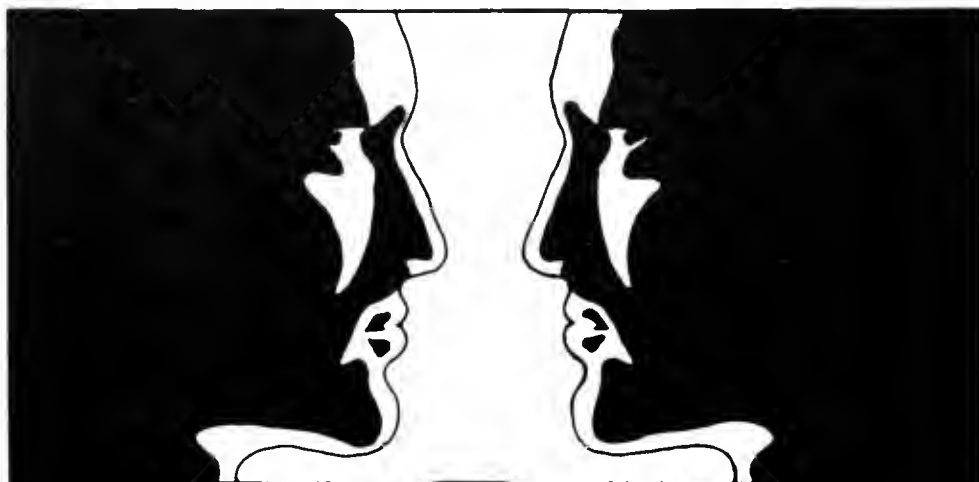
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- **Gay Community Appeal of Toronto.** Box 2212, Stn P, M5S 2T2 869-3036. Fund-raising for gay and lesbian community projects.
- **Gay Community Dance Committee (GCDC).** 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4. Organizes community fund-raising dances.
- **Gay Fathers of Toronto.** Box 187, Stn F, M4Y 2L5. 967-0430 or 967-4203.
- **Gay/Lesbian Action for Disarmament.** Box 5794, Stn A, M5W 1P2. 921-1938.
- **Gay Liberation Against the Right Everywhere (GLARE).** Box 793, Stn O, M4T 2N7.
- **Gay SIG.** Drawer C622, c/o The Body Politic, Box 7289, Stn A, M5W 1X9. Group of gay members of MENSA in Canada.
- **Gay Self-Defence Group.** Box 793, Stn O, M4T 2N7. 423-4803. Organizes courses in self-defence in and outside of Toronto.
- **Gays and Lesbians at University of Toronto.** c/o SAC Office, 12 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto, M5S 1A1. 978-4911.
- **GEM Gay Community Outreach.** Box 62, Brampton, ON L6V 2K7. Peel Region (Brampton-Mississauga) group for gays and lesbians. Gayline West. 453-GGCO.
- **Glad Day Defence Fund.** 648A Yonge St, M4Y 2A6. 961-4161. Legal fund for Kevin Orr, asst manager charged after April 21 police raid on bookstore. Cheques payable to: Hamburg/Trollope in trust for Glad Day Defence Fund.
- **International Gay Association (Toronto).** c/o Gay Community Council.
- **Lesbian and Gay Academic Society.** Box 187, Stn F, M4Y 2L5. 921-5317 (Conrad) or 924-6474 (Alexandra).
- **Lesbian and Gay History Group of Toronto.** Box 639, Stn A, M5W 1G2. 961-7338.
- **Lesbian and Gay Pride Day Committee.** Box 793, Stn O, M4T 2N7. Organizes end of June celebration.
- **Lesbian and Gay Youth Toronto.** 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4. 533-2867. Phone counselling: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 7 pm-10:30 pm.
- **Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund.** Box 38, Stn E, M6H 4E1. 465-6822.
- **Lesbian Speakers Bureau.** Box 6597, Stn A, M5W 1X4. Info: Michelle at 789-4541 or Debbie at 964-7477. Speakers for myth-shattering seminars and workshops about lesbians.
- **Lesbians Against the Right (LAR).** Box 6579, Stn A, M5W 1X4. Lesbian-feminist political action group.
- **New Democratic Party Gay Caucus.** Box 792, Stn F, M4Y 2N7. 964-1049.
- **New Dimensions.** Social group for women, meets approximately every third week. Info: Gayle, 683-8691.
- **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays Toronto.** 52 Roxaline St, Weston ON M9T 2Y9. Info: Pauline Martin at 244-2105.
- **Parents of Gays Mississauga.** c/o Anne Rutledge, 3323 Kings Mastings Cres, Mississauga L5L 1G5. 820-5130.
- **Right to Privacy Committee (RTPC).** 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4. Defence committee for gays arrested under bawdyhouse laws. Cheques or charges payable to: Harriet Sachs in trust for RTPC. Info: 961-8046 or 368-4392.
- **Rosemary's Women's Group.** 519 Church St Community Centre. Info: Rachel 926-0527. Collectively run support and consciousness-raising group for lesbians.
- **Spouses of Gays.** c/o Caryn Miller, 260 Carlton St, M5A 2L3. Phoneline: 967-0597 Wed, Thurs 6:30-8:30 pm.
- **Toronto Gay Patrol.** Self-governing group of lesbians and gay men patrolling downtown core of city. c/o 29 Grenville St, Apt 2, M4Y 1A1. Info: Peter, 368-6971, or Chris, 968-6744.
- **Toronto Male Rape Support Group.** For men who have experienced rape. Box 597, Stn O, M4A 2P4. 731-1 Pape Avenue. 24 hour line: 461-5921, or 922-1111, pager 7262.
- **Toronto Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf.** Box 671, Stn F, M4Y 2N6.

Health/social services

- **After You're Out.** Weekly groups for gay men meeting for 10 weeks to discuss personal goals, problems, topics of interest. Organized by TAG. Info: 964-6600.
- **A Way Out.** 530-GAYS. 24-hour recorded messages for young lesbians and gays. Four to five minutes of supportive info on dealing with parent, friends, fears and coming out problems. Drawer C614, c/o TBP, Box 7289, Stn A, M5W 1X9.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous.** Lesbian/gay fellowships. 964-3962.
- **Gaycare Toronto.** Phoneline 368-8696 from 7-11 pm seven days a week. Free face-to-face drop-in counselling service in the downtown area. Drop-in Thurs 7-10 pm. 519 Church St Community Centre. Group sessions.
- **Gay Counselling Centre of Toronto.** 105 Carlton St, 4th floor, M5B 1M2. 977-2153. Tues, Wed, Thurs. 6:30-9:30 pm. Professional counselling for lesbians and gay men. Call for appt or drop in.
- **Gay Men's Discussion Groups.** Sponsored by U of T Sex Ed Centre. 978-3977.
- **Hassle-Free Clinic — Men.** 556 Church St, 2nd floor, M4Y 2E3. 922-0603. VD info, testing and treatment. Hours: Mon, Wed, 4-9 pm; Tues, Thurs, 10 am-3 pm; Fri, 4-7 pm, Sat, 11 am-4 pm. VD testing at baths: Roman's, Fri from 9 pm; The Backdoor, every second Tues from 9 pm; The Club, every second Wed from 9 pm.
- **Lesbian Phoneline.** Box 70, Stn F, M4Y 2L4. 960-3249. Tues 7:30-10:30 pm. Recorded message other times. Speakers available.
- **Sex Ed Centre.** c/o U of T Office of Admissions, 315 Bloor St W, Room 107, M5S 1A3. Devonshire and Bloor Sts, behind Admissions Bldg. 978-3977. Sex counselling for U of T campus. Gay counsellors every Tues, 10 am-9 pm.
- **Toronto Area Gays.** Box 6706, Stn A, M5W 1X5. 964-6600. Free peer counselling and info for lesbians and gay men. Mon-Sat: 7 pm-10:30 pm.
- **Tri-Aid Charitable Foundation.** 8 Irwin Ave, M4Y 1K9. Gay youth counselling and street work.

Professional

- **Association of Gay Social Workers.** Box 182, Stn O, M4A 2N3. Social work students welcome.
- **Gays in Health Care.** Box 7806, Stn A, M5W 1X7. 920-1882. Includes nurses, physicians, medical students and psychologists.
- **Toronto Lambda Business Council.** Box 513, Adelaide St Stn, M5C 2J6.

Religious

- **Chutzpah.** See Social/political action listings.
- **Dignity/Toronto.** Box 249, Stn E, M6H 4E2. 960-3997. Group for gay and lesbian Catholics and friends.
- **Integrity/Toronto.** Box 873, Stn F, M4Y 2N9. Pastoral ministry for gay and lesbian Anglicans and friends. 487-7406. Chaplains available for pastoral counselling through this number.
- **Lutherans Concerned.** c/o Edward Schlauch, 980 Broadview Ave, Apt 2309, M4K 3Y1. 463-7354 (David or James). Support

- and fellowship for gay and lesbian Lutherans and their friends.
- **Metropolitan Community Church.** 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4. 532-2333. Christian church with special ministry to gay community.
- **The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.** Drawer OPI, c/o TBP, Box 7289, Stn A, M5W 1X9.
- **Spirit.** 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4. 743-8948 or 482-1817. Support group for gay and lesbian Salvationists and friends.
- **Toronto Organization of United Church Homosexuals.** Box 626, Stn O, M4T 1L0.

Sports

- **Cabbagetown Group Softball League.** Box 42, Stn L, M6E 4Y4. 863-0438.
- **Front Runners Toronto.** Box 8, Adelaide St Stn, M5C 2H8. Gay men and women's running club.
- **Gay Amateur Sport Association.** 407-100 Gloucester St, M4Y 1M1. 921-2647. Team sports.
- **Judy Garland Memorial Bowling League.** Info: bulletin boards in Buddy's, Oudes, The Barn or Boots. Sept-May season.
- **Out and Out Club.** Box 331, Stn F, M4Y 2L7. 927-0970. Outdoor activities for gay people. Include phone number.
- **Riverdale Volleyball League.** Sept-April season. Info at Dudes, Buddy's and Albany Tavern.

Publications/information

- **Action!** Irregular publication of Right to Privacy Committee, 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4. 924-4523.
- **The Body Politic.** Box 7289, Stn A, M5W 1X9. 977-6320.
- **Canadian Gay Archives.** Box 639, Stn A, M5W 1G2. 977-6320.
- **Circuit.** 1-134 Carlton St, M5A 2K1. 922-0878 (editorial) or 964-1957 (business). "Toronto's magazine of eros and entertainment." Free distribution or by subscription.

Phone counselling lines

- **Lesbian Phoneline:** 960-3249. Tues 7:30-10:30 pm.
- **Lesbian & Gay Youth Toronto:** 533-2867. Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, 7-10:30 pm.
- **Spouses of Gays:** 967-0597. Wed and Thurs 6:30-8:30 pm.
- **Toronto Area Gays (TAG):** 964-6600. Mon-Sat 7-10:30 pm. Counselling, info.

- **Gay Community Calendar.** Call 923-GAYS. Box 8, Adelaide St Stn, M5C 2H8. 24 hour recorded message of weekly events. To get info listed call 656-0372 between 7-10 pm Mondays.
- **Gayline West.** 453-GGCO. Community info for Mississauga and parts west of Metro.
- **Glad Day Bookshop.** 648A Yonge St, 2nd floor, M5Y 2A6. 961-4161. Mon 10-8; Tue-Wed 10-6; Thurs-Fri 10-9; Sat 10-6.
- **Grapevine.** Box 38, Stn E, M6H 4E4. Lesbian Mothers' Defence Fund newsletter. 2-3 issues/year.
- **Integrity/Toronto Newsletter.** Box 873, Stn F, M4Y 2N9.
- **Lesbian Archives.** Box 928, Stn O, M4T 2P1.
- **Lesbian/Lesbienne.** National newsletter. 367-0589 (Kerry).

Women's resources

The following is a select list of women's services in Toronto of particular interest to lesbians.

- **Broadside.** Box 494, Stn P, M5S 2T1. 598-3513. Monthly feminist newspaper. Substantial contributions by lesbians.
- **Constance Hamilton Housing Co-op.** For women only. 523 Melita Cres, M6G 3X9. 532-8860.
- **Fireweed.** Box 279, Stn B, M5T 2W2. 977-8681. Feminist quarterly of politics and the arts.
- **Hassle-Free Clinic — Women.** 556 Church St, second floor, M4Y 2E3. 922-0566. Free medical clinic. Birth control and gynecological info. VD and pregnancy testing, abortion counselling and referrals. Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri, 10 am-3 pm; Tues, Thurs, 4 pm-9 pm. Call ahead.
- **International Women's Day Committee.** Box 70, Stn F, M4Y 2L4. 789-4541. Independent socialist feminist organization.
- **Jessie's Centre for Teenage Women.** 154 Bathurst St, M5V 2R3. 365-1888. Multi-service agency. Lesbian-positive.
- **Macphail House.** 389 Church St, M5B 2A1. 977-1037. Long-term YWCA residence for women 16-25. Shared co-op apartments.
- **Nellie's Hostel for Women.** 275A Broadview Ave, M4M 2G8. 461-1084. Temporary hostel for women 16 and over, including mothers with children.
- **Rape Crisis Centre.** Box 6597, Stn A, M5W 1X4. Crisis line: 964-8080. Business line: 964-7477. Info, self-defence courses.
- **Sound Women.** c/o Ryerson Women's Centre, SURPI, 380 Victoria St, M5B 1W7. Ryerson women's radio show collective. Lesbian and feminist music, interviews and announcements. Sundays at noon. CKLN (102.9) FM (via Rogers cable). To place announcements, call 598-9838.
- **Stop 86.** 86 Madison Ave, M5R 2S4. 922-3271. Crisis housing and social service centre for women under 25.
- **Times Change Women's Employment Centre.** 22 Davisville Ave, M4S 1E8. 487-2807. 9-5 Mon-Thurs, 9-2 Fri. Employment counselling, job search and career planning workshops.
- **Toronto Addicted Women's Self-Help Network.** Suite 202, Box 2213, Stn P, M5S 2T2. Phoneline: 961-7319. Self-help group for women addicted to alcohol and other drugs. Weekly meetings.
- **Toronto Area Caucus of Women and the Law.** Box 231, Stn B, M5T 2T2.
- **Toronto Women's Bookstore.** 85 Harbord St, M5S 1G4. 922-8744. Hours: Mon-Sat, 10:30 am-6 pm.
- **U of T Women's Newsmagazine.** For feminists on and off campus. 44 St George St, 2nd flr, M5S 2E4. Info: Brenda 534-4021.
- **Women Against Violence Against Women.** Box 174, Stn O, M6P 3J8. Committed to action from a feminist perspective against various aspects of violence against women.
- **Women in Trades.** c/o Times Change, 22 Davisville St, M4S 1E8. 534-1161.
- **Women's Counselling, Referral and Education Centre.** 348 College St, M5T 1S4. 924-0766. Therapy, counselling, info.
- **Women's Cultural Building Hotline.** 534-1682. Phoneline for women's events.
- **Women's Media Alliance.** c/o 940 Queen St E, M4M 1J7. Phyllis Waugh, 466-8840.
- **Women's Resource Centre.** OISE, 252 Bloor St W, M5S 1V6. 923-6641. Ext 244. Books, periodicals, audio & video tapes.
- **Womynly Way Productions.** 427 Bloor St W, M5S 1X7. 925-6568. Company bringing concerts, dance and theatrical performances to city.

THERE'S NO LIFE LIKE IT,
SAYS THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES.
MAYBE. BUT IF YOU'RE GAY, THERE MAY
BE NO LIFE IN IT AT ALL

UNFIT FOR SERVICE

Summertime in northern Ontario and the living is easy. Fifty young reserves and regular members of the Canadian Armed Forces are on a training course. The training is finished and gone are the worries about having good aim on the rifle range. The drinking begins.

For three days they slump in steel shacks and drink, but finally it's the night before pullout. When C, an unhandsome but physically appealing nineteen-year-old from Toronto, steps outside and into the woods to take a leak, someone follows. He stands next to C, who glances over and sees a hard cock. "You wanna take care of this?" he asks C, who laughs but obliges.

An innocent jaunt in the woods but enough to get you booted out of the forces. The Canadian military, you see, spends a lot of time and money trying to keep the ranks wholly heterosexual. So last year over a hundred lesbians and gay men were found and got rid of, most by internal secret police innocuously called the Special Investigation Unit (SIU).

The unfortunates could expect to be followed on base and off, subjected to arbitrary search and seizure, and humiliated by such questions as: "Do you swallow come when you suck cocks?" (There's a different version for women, of course. See box, page 32.)

Captain Norbert Cyr, an information officer at the Department of National Defence in Ottawa, admits that military personnel suspected of being gay are subjected to "police-type" questioning. "If you're on the receiving end it can be unpleasant," he observes.

The no-gay regulation is outlined in Canadian Forces Administration Order 19-20: "If a person subject to the Code of Service Discipline becomes aware or suspects that a member of the Canadian Forces is homosexual... he shall report the matter to the commanding officer... Service policy does not allow homosexual members to be retained in the CF."

The men who run the military see gay people as a

AN ARTICLE BY GLENN WHEELER

threat to the force and the Canadian state. The possibility of blackmail is often mentioned, for example. "Such persons are still, in our society, subject to blackmail, either directly or indirectly, because of a partner," wrote Admiral Robert Falls, then chief of defence staff, in a 1979 letter to Gordon Fairweather, chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

There's also a fear that heterosexuals wouldn't join if lesbians and gay men were members. "There is the serious question of the image of the Canadian forces in the eyes of the public," Falls wrote. "This is of direct concern to me since the maintenance of a volunteer force depends to a great deal on how that force is viewed by potential recruits and their relatives and friends."



And, my God, think of the parents. They'd be afraid to have their children venture anywhere near a recruiting office. Wrote Falls: "My personal view is that the majority of Canadians are not prepared to accept the idea of homosexuals in the forces, and they would not see such an organization as a suitable environment for their sons and daughters."

Forces spokesmen also say they're worried about the safety of lesbians and gay men themselves. They might get bashed, Norbert Cyr says. And that would be disruptive. "It is considered," Cyr reads from a defence department policy manual, "that because of the unique demands of forces life, which includes enforced proximity of persons in ships and isolated units in barracks, that condoning homosexual behaviour would create conflicts in interpersonal behaviour, which would affect morale and have a detrimental effect on forces operational efficiency."

Canadian military personnel are often called upon to serve in other parts of the world and for legal reasons, Admiral Falls says, there are some countries where gay people couldn't be sent. "A substantial number of military personnel serve outside the country: under UN, NORAD and NATO auspices, or in Canadian missions throughout the world," Falls explained in his letter to Fairweather. "In a great many cases homosexuals would be ineligible for such service because of the laws or social mores of the host country. Such limitations on the employment of homosexuals are a fact of life...."

The perennial excuse of the potential for blackmail is especially irksome. Blackmail, of course, wouldn't be possible if the administrative orders didn't outlaw gay sexuality. And despite their paranoia, the Canadian forces still can't point to a case of a gay member having compromised national security.

Herbert Sutcliffe says he would have gone to his commanding officer if someone had tried to blackmail him when he was working in counterintelligence for the Canadian army during the '40s and '50s. As it turned

out, however, it was police in Washington, DC who went to Major Sutcliffe's bosses, but not because he'd done wrong.

It was 1961 and Sutcliffe was being posted to the Pentagon to help the Americans catch spies. He'd been out drinking, sampling the night life and mingling with his new colleagues. He stopped into a gay watering hole on the way back to his hotel and found a man in the next urinal making suggestive gestures. "Come with me," the man said, and Sutcliffe did. To the police station. Washington police contacted the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Sutcliffe was suddenly a civilian again.

Unlike the defence department, the rest of the Canadian government is no

longer preoccupied with the possibility of blackmail of its homosexual employees. Then Solicitor General Francis Fox, for example, said in a 1977 letter to the National Gay Rights Coalition that "an individual's sexual orientation does not prevent that individual from obtaining employment in the Federal Government or from obtaining a security clearance."

Prime Minister Trudeau concurred: "Mr Fox has indicated... sexual orientation does not represent a bar to employment in the Federal Government at large, or indeed to the granting of security clearance. I can only emphasize his assurance that there is no government policy, either overt or covert, of discrimination against homosexuals." (Empha-

sis is Trudeau's.) But Trudeau also said the defence department's policy was made necessary by "a security problem which the government in carrying out its responsibilities has to take into consideration."

Sutcliffe, then, might have the same employer now as he had in 1961 if he'd been working for the Department of Fisheries.

The implication in Falls's reasoning is that gay people are less able than straight men and women to abide the laws of other countries. Does the defence department, for example, balk at the posting of women to misogynist countries in the Moslem world, or worry about passionate personnel who kiss their spouses

in public being sent to Iran?

There was a time, of course, when women weren't allowed to join the Canadian forces because the men in charge worried about their ability to fulfill service requirements. Now there are thousands of women in the forces, even in isolated posts and onboard ships. Worries about men and women serving in close proximity have come to naught.

Similar worries about gay people are being proven to be just as silly. When Stéphane Sirard, for example, lost his job with the military police at CFB Cornwallis in Nova Scotia, the men and women he worked with helped in his unsuccessful fight to stay in the forces.

Sirard, from New Liskeard, Ontario, joined in November, 1979, and was told in August, 1981 that he'd get an accelerated promotion to corporal. Before that could happen, however, the ubiquitous SIU spotted Sirard leaving the Turret, a gay bar in Halifax. He was discharged on March 14, 1982.

Several of Sirard's supervisors wrote letters on his behalf. While he was packing, his shift supervisor told him to fight his dismissal. And two dozen military policemen, most of whom knew why he was leaving, came to a farewell party.

Sirard had been discreet: he says he never had sex on base, going instead to the Turret on the weekends. He never learned how the SIU found out he's gay but suspects someone who resented his meteoric career rise picked up on bits of gossip and went to his superiors.

Because the informants aren't required to present evidence with their allegations, there's much opportunity for malicious gossip. That's what happened in Argentina, Newfoundland, where Master Corporal Gloria Cameron was dismissed on July 2, 1977.

There were thirty-three Canadian forces women working at the United States naval base in the town, eighty miles across the Avalon Peninsula from St John's. Cameron was one of twelve lesbians who regularly had parties with six gay men in a nearby cabin in the woods. Things went fine until two of the women decided to have an informal marriage ceremony. Major Bernard Hogan found out and called in SIU officers from Maritime Command in Halifax. Cameron lost her job in the purge that followed.

"I wanted to stay in the forces so bad," says Cameron, who's now back in Kitchener, Ontario. "I liked my job. I belonged there. But I guess I'd known from the beginning what their position was on gay people. I'd always lived with the fear of being found out. I suppose I always felt I'd eventually get caught. It's not a very good way to live. I was really nervous and afraid but I wanted to stay in the forces."

The passing on of rumours through informants that likely let military brass in on Cameron's secret is one form of homophobia. But there are nastier — and more dangerous — forms, as J found out in Ottawa two years ago.

It began in a bar on base. J, an eighteen-year-old from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, was accused by another woman of making a pass at her boyfriend (it was really the boyfriend who'd propositioned J). There was an unpleasant scene and J left for the barracks and bed.

"Angie came and woke me," J recalls. "She asked me to step outside and she and another straight woman started pushing and punching while everyone else stood by and watched. No one tried to stop it." J was finally able to limp back to her bunk, fingering her bruises and licking the blood off her lips.

The two women went to the military

Taking the forces to court

The only Canadian to take the armed forces to court over its discrimination against lesbians and gay men signed up at Trois Rivières, Quebec, on May 5, 1969. Seven years later, in Lahr, West Germany, Jacques Gallant was called before his commanding officer and told he was being investigated as a "sexual deviate."

Both the medical officer and psychiatrist who interviewed Gallant recommended he be retained, a fact Gallant noted when he appealed his discharge to the Federal Court of Canada. Gallant said his actions in no way scandalized the forces or impaired his ability to perform his duties. And if he'd been allowed to present a defence in French, he said, he could have put forward arguments to prove his case.

The Department of National Defence didn't bother with the facts, arguing instead that the Court had no jurisdiction in the matter. The justices agreed: "A person who joins the Forces enters into a unilateral commitment in return for which the Queen assumes no obligations," wrote Mr Justice Marceau in the 1978 decision. "Relations between the Queen and Her military personnel, as such, in no way give rise to a remedy in the civil courts."

Gallant had found out the hard way that lesbians and gay men in the Canadian army are legally helpless.

Which is why the Canadian Human Rights Commission could do nothing when Darl Wood, hating her new civilian life and missing the lover she left behind, ended up on its doorstep three years ago. Wood doesn't know how the forces learned she was a lesbian, but was dismissed after cracking during interrogation by two SIU officers.

Hugh McKervill of the commission's Halifax office could give her emotional support, but nothing more. "If it interfered with their work that would be one thing," he says. "But we can't see where it's required that a man or a woman be heterosexual to carry out the functions of the military or any other force." But the Canadian Armed Forces is well within its rights. And though the commission tries an informal "good offices" approach where there is no law broken but an injustice appears to have occurred, McKervill says that doesn't work with the forces.

Svend Robinson, the brash Member of Parliament from Burnaby, BC whose vociferous demands for gay rights are part of the reason he's no longer the New Democratic Party's justice critic, plans to bring the matter before the government's standing committee on justice and legal affairs. "It's a rather sad commentary on the military that a person can be hon-

oured for killing but is discharged merely for loving."

Robinson can take some cheer from advances being made in the United States, where a man and woman recently won appeals of their dismissals. In the first case, the army tried to dismiss Miriam ben Shalom because she's a lesbian. They weren't, however, able to provide evidence of ben Shalom having sex with women. Wisconsin District Court ruled the dismissal unconstitutional because it had violated ben Shalom's first amendment liberties. The court said the army cannot release someone simply because of a personality trait: "It is only when one's personality, no matter how bizarre or potentially dangerous, actually manifests itself in unlawful conduct that the government may intercede in an effort to control the personality or restrict its manifestations."

Unfortunately, ben Shalom's victory was in a lower court and may be overturned. It was also a lower court which ruled that Sgt Perry Watkins, 34, should be given another six-year enlistment. US District Court Judge Barbara Rothstein said the army's contention that its enlistment personnel hadn't known Watkins was gay was "patently absurd." Watkins, of Tacoma, Washington, had been open about his sexuality ever since his pre-induction physical examination in 1967. And during an investigation in 1968, he admitted to the Army Criminal Division that he'd had sex with two servicemen. But it's only now that they've decided they want him to go.

Watkins says the Army was glad enough to have him at the height of the Vietnam War. "When they want you bad enough," he says, "they'll overlook (the fact that you're gay)." He's now looking forward to military retirement and full benefits in 1988, after twenty years as a GI.

The lower court judgments are uneven and, in some cases, even conflicting, but the United States Supreme Court has yet to rule on the issue. Still, important work has been done. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is involved in the financing and arguing of a half dozen cases of gay people being thrown out of the army.

"There's a kind of ideological mix-up here," says Susan McGreavy of the ACLU in Los Angeles. "We used to help draft resisters because we are philosophically opposed to the military."

Chicago lawyer Joe Schuman, who besides representing gays excluded from the army has just written a pamphlet for gay men facing the draft, is in a similar situation. "I'm a socialist," he says, "but what I'm doing is fighting for the right of gay people to participate in imperialism.

It's difficult for us to relate to (gay people in the military) but everyone should have the right to join."

That philosophical tension is perhaps one reason lesbians and gay men around the world haven't made more advances against the military. For it's a fact that in most nations military personnel are known to be homophobic, while gay activists are usually anti-militaristic.

"A lot of us feel very ambivalent," says Jill Clark, who writes on this subject for Boston's *Gay Community News*. "If I could choose an area to report on, it sure as hell wouldn't be the military." She adds, however, "I know that in many cases the military is the only place for some people, especially women, to get any kind of decent job."

Clark and other activists were perturbed when Leonard Matlovich, the red-haired sergeant who got his face on the cover of *Time*, accepted \$160,000 from the air force in return for ending his fight for re-enlistment. Matlovich, who received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his performance in Vietnam, hadn't waited to get kicked out. He had told his superiors he was gay. After years of legal wrangling, a move by the District of Columbia Court of Appeal in 1978 to order the air force to re-enlist him was dropped because of the cash settlement.

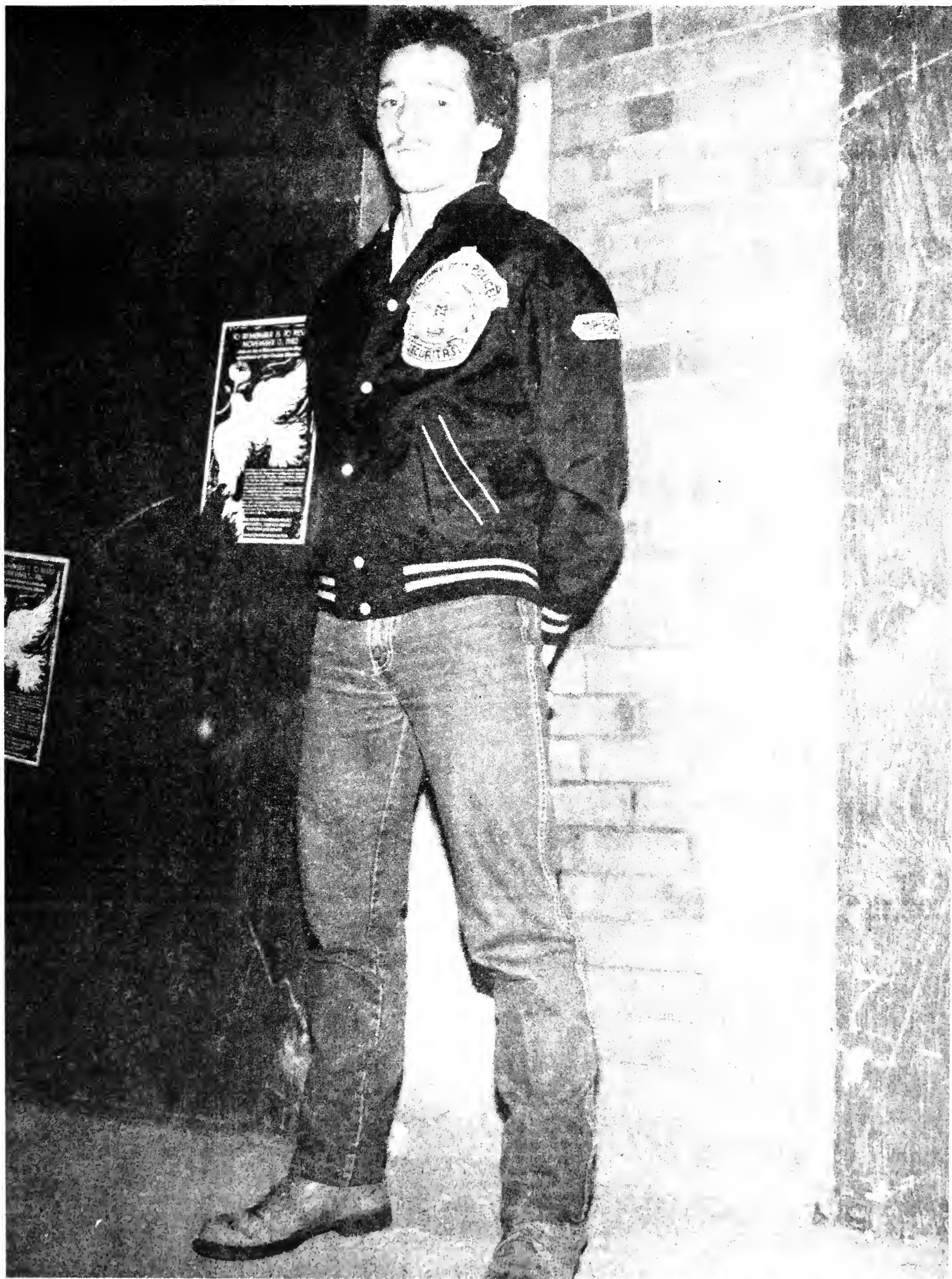
The situation in Canada, with none of the court successes of the States, is even more discouraging. Blair Johnston, who spent ten years in the Canadian Armed Forces and is now vice-president of Gays of Ottawa, says political contradictions and disagreements are partly the reason.

"Left-leaning gay activists look at the military and see homosexuals, not gays," Johnston says. "But that's because a gay person is not allowed to have an identity in the armed forces. Both sides have problems in terms of facing society and dealing with pressure from homophobes. The group in the military suffers from a lack of awareness of what it is to be gay. The other group sometimes has so much awareness they're not able to see some things."

Monique Hébert, a researcher at the Library of Parliament in Ottawa, put the matter in bleak, bureaucratic terms in a report last summer. "In contrast to the American situation, the Canadian courts have yet to improve the lot of the homosexual serviceman," she wrote.

"...That will be long in coming, particularly if the (Canadian) courts continue to uphold seemingly arbitrary military regulations on the basis that they serve 'a valid federal objective.' If this test does survive a challenge under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, homosexual servicemen can only expect to have their lot improved if it is deemed expedient to do so by the government."

"The end result is similar in both cases: the military's special needs will prevail." □



STEPHANE SIRARD, CLIMBING THE RANKS UNTIL SPOTTED AT A HALIFAX GAY BAR: "I'D DO ANYTHING TO BE ABLE TO DO THE WORK AGAIN"

Interrogation: trapped & alone

Darl Wood started writing about her life in the Canadian Armed Forces as soon as her superiors discovered she was a lesbian and kicked her out five years ago. She still lives in Halifax, where she writes and is active in the feminist movement. The following piece about her interrogation by the forces' Special Investigative Unit is an excerpt from a book-in-progress.

Across the road is a white building. A Special Investigation Unit. Two men escort Carri there and ask her to wait. The room is small with a padded door, soundproof. It is empty except for a table and three chairs, the pale square ones with straight backs that make you sit still. Carri sits with her hands clasped like a grade-school student anticipating the blows from a teacher's ruler. She waits.

Please Jesus, take away the numbness, I can't breathe. She whispers to the intangible deity, drawing strength from a past belief; it doesn't matter to her at this point if it's real or imaginary. One of the men asks if she wants a woman present while being questioned.

"It is your right to have someone with you — a woman." This is the first time she is aware someone has come back into the room. She wants to spit the words back at them. Rights! I have none that count now.

"Eh... no... no, thank you, I don't think so." It would be too embarrassing. She doesn't really know what to say yet, they make her feel shameful.

"When did you first know you were a lesbian?" They want to know, two men interrogating her about her sex life.

What are they saying, can they ask questions like that? They do, over and over; she desperately needs to challenge their right to do this, but doesn't, intimidated. "Look, what do you want from me, I've already told you that I'm gay." It's futile, an outburst of childlike defiance without authority.

It's not enough, they want details: when, where, even how; tribadism, digital manipulation, on and on repeating the same questions over and over until she wants to scream. She feels dizzy. Not understanding half of what they ask. They explain; a blushing warmth washes through her. Christ, I feel like I'm going to be sick.

"Are you sure Sergeant Adams is the first woman you've made love to?"

"Yes."

"Is she the only woman in the Service you've been involved with?"

"Yes, the only one, I've already told you that a dozen times."

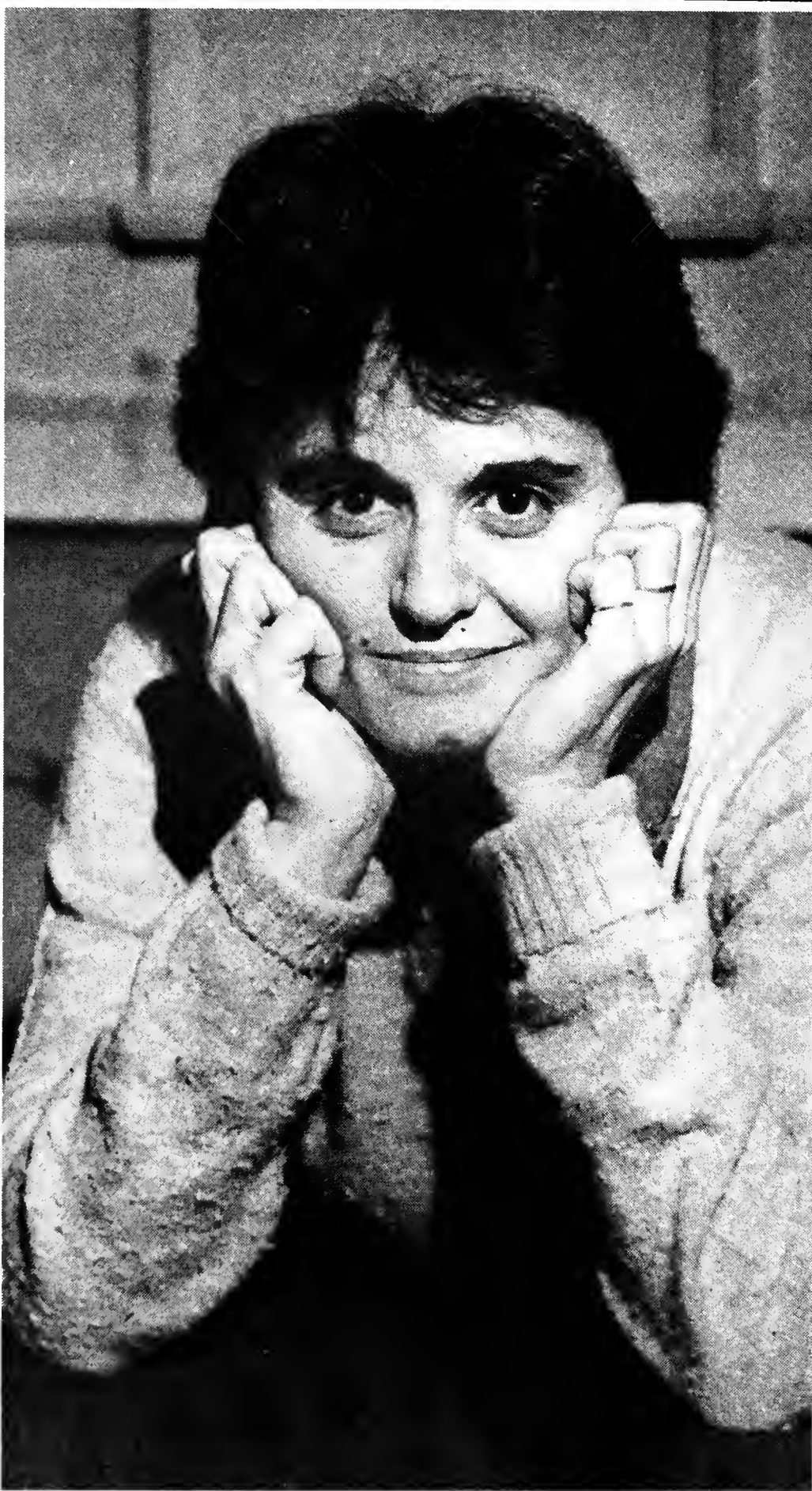
They change the direction of their questioning abruptly. "Do you know what cunnilingus is?"

"Yes," she closes her eyes and hesitates answering, "I know what it means."

"Did you perform it on her?"

"Yes... no... I don't know, ...no." Utter confusion.

"Did she do it to you?" The room becomes a deadweight of quiet. This is degrading, she refuses to answer. Bastards, leave me alone, please Jesus, make them just leave me alone. For the first time she wants to cry, feeling trapped and alone, but she is angry now too, so she stares past the men to regain composure. She contemplates asking them if they are enjoying their sport, do they get their rocks off on it? Why are they harassing



**DARL WOOD, KICKED OUT OF THE FORCES FIVE YEARS AGO:
"NO LONGER A PERSON, LABELLED NOW, A SEXUAL DEVIATE"**

me and why am I complying? She says nothing, continuing to stare past them through the bars she imagines to be on the windows. Do they think I will attack the first woman that comes along or molest a child? Stop it Carri, or you'll go crazy. This is ludicrous. Why in the name of Christ am I allowing myself to be cowed like this?

Group sex, lesbian circles, whips and chains — what are they saying now? A low stifled whine escapes her arid throat. What do they think I am? She raises her eyes to them slowly. Are they serious? They are. She can't help herself, she burst out into a tense laugh, not into tears. She's gradually becoming aware of the insanity of the situation. Shocked into regaining a sense of perspective she tells them point blank, "I'm not going to answer any more personal questions."

They try more subtle questions. She thinks this perverse and tells them that. They warn her that if she knows of any

other persons in the Forces that are homosexual it would be better if she told them now, they would hate for it to come out later. Whatever that means, she ponders this mild threat, and is infuriated that she has been such a complete ass, giving away too much of herself and not knowing just how it came about.

They tell her it is necessary for her to sign a statement admitting to her deviation. No longer a person, labelled now, a sexual deviate — god that sounds gross. She glowers at them, her eyes narrow trying to identify with their concept. Deviant, a quote from the Queen's Regulations and Orders. She also has to promise that she will not tell anyone anything she has learned since joining the Forces. She assumes they mean the Soviets, as if she knew anything they didn't already know. Shit, me a security risk, all of a sudden I'm fucking dangerous to national security because I happen to enjoy having sex with the woman I love. □

police the next day and explained they had bashed J because she was a lesbian. As far as J knows, no action was taken against the two women. She, however, was kicked out of the forces.

R had an equally humiliating and painful experience while he was serving in West Germany with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the early '50s. He and a man from Quebec, who R still thinks was gay, were visiting a German family who lived near the base. After having a good time and drinking a lot, R took his friend out to the family's car and gave him a blow job. After it was over, the man wasn't as pleased as R with what had happened and the two got into a vicious argument. R left and went back to base.

Two military policemen came to his bunk the next morning. Although R didn't admit during the interrogation that he's gay he was charged with indecent assault and later sentenced to thirty days in jail.

"What I remember most vividly is the way I was mocked and ridiculed by people after they found out I was gay," R says. "I was made to get down and lick an imaginary piece of dirt off the floor. Prisoners ridiculed me, too, and some of them were gay."

But Darl Wood (see box) says most men and women in the Canadian Armed Forces don't care about the sexuality of their fellow soldiers. "The only tension is created by the forces themselves, by pressuring people to inform on anyone even suspected of being gay," she says.

That, however, provides enough fertile ground for the growth of severe homophobia. The problem was poignantly brought home to Darryl Kippen of Winnipeg when he was nineteen and taking basic training in Cornwallis in 1976. Kippen knew when he joined he was gay but didn't know it mattered these days. After all, they don't ask at the recruiting office.

One of Kippen's instructors was Sergeant McGinnes. "He told us during class that the armed forces is no place for queers and that if anyone was approached by a queer they should get a bunch of the guys, take him into the barracks and beat the shit out of him. McGinnes said he'd put in his report that the guy fell down the stairs." Kippen decided, not surprisingly, that he would not have sex with other forces men. Three years later, however, the forces did find out he was gay and kicked him out.

The military believes gay people have to be gotten rid of and that the end justifies the means: denial of basic human rights, harassment and humiliation. Sadly, the defence department is confident the new Charter of Rights won't force an end to the discrimination.

So another hundred or more lesbians and gay men will be thrown out of the Canadian Armed Forces in 1983 and, like Stéphane Sirard, will be left to wonder why they weren't just allowed to do their jobs.

"When you enjoy the work you're doing you get some kind of satisfaction," Sirard says. "And I enjoyed the police work very much. I'd do anything to be able to do it again."

But many gay people who want to join the military for whatever reason — to have a steady job or to serve Canada — are still prepared to take their chances. C, for example, left the reserves in 1981 because the pay was too poor and the work was too hard. Now he thinks he'll join the regular forces. The pay is not bad, he says, and, after all, there's no life like it. □

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MICHAEL RIORDON CHALLENGES
AUTHORITY WITH GAY-LESBIAN ACTION
FOR DISARMAMENT

CRUISING F O R PEACE

Think of the conflict of interest a gay man faces in a peace march when the song comes up, "We shall not, we shall not be cruised."

We're not the only special interest group the politicians and the generals have stolen from in their attempts to euphemize the business of nuclear war. What is a doctor to think when a politician says, "First we'll launch a surgical strike against the Soviet Union." Or an actor when a general says quite seriously, "We're prepared to fight a limited-theatre nuclear war in Europe." Theatre? Who's going to be the audience? But worst of all from our point of view is what they've done with "cruise."

A cruise missile could fit, without badly disrupting things, into the smallest gay bar. It's a pilotless jet plane fifteen

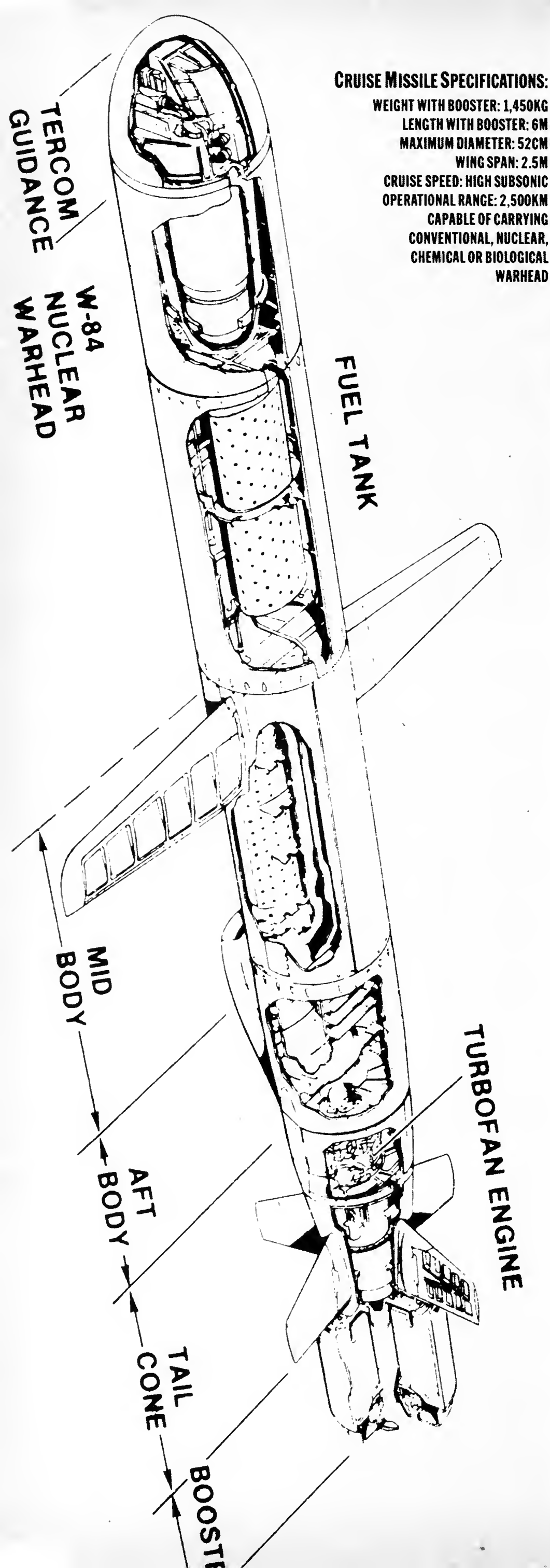
to twenty feet long, a few feet in diameter. With a nuclear, chemical or biological warhead it skims the earth's surface less than a hundred feet above the ground to its target. That's lower than any current radar can detect. A member of Reagan's nuclear family, the cruise is designed to be a first-strike weapon, *ie*, not to defend against nuclear war but to start it. The nuclear warhead it carries has a destructive power fifteen times that of the US A-bombs that flattened Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945. But what makes the cruise such an ingenious machine is a sophisticated onboard computer guidance system that lets the missile negotiate the earth's natural and human-made obstacles. This clever "brain" is made here in Canada, in a Toronto suburb, by skilled non-union workers in a factory owned by Litton Systems Canada.

Before dawn of Remembrance Day

1982, several hundred people converge in buses at each end of a public road leading to the factory compound of Litton Systems Canada. Among them are a dozen gay men who've recently formed a group called Gays for Life. They are participating in the fifth human blockade of Litton. At the previous one, on Hiroshima Day in August, twenty-three people were arrested for trespassing. This time a hundred and fifty are prepared to break the law. They had planned to block with their bodies as many entrances to the Litton compound as they could for as long as they could. They wanted to make it difficult for personnel or material to enter or leave. Under a cold drizzle the resisters are stopped by three hundred police on foot, on horseback, in cars, vans and buses. It is the largest police operation in

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Canada since the invocation of the War Measures Act in 1970. Before Remembrance Day, the largest had been the Toronto bath raids in 1981. Now, at seven a.m., half the gay men, identified by large pink triangles sewn to black armbands, sit down on the wet road next to the women's group, Women's Action for Peace, which includes lesbians. If the police won't let them blockade Litton, then they will blockade the police and the road. At stake here is not only war and peace, but who has power over whom.

Since November the members of Gays for Life have changed their group name to Gay-Lesbian Action for Disarmament — GLAD.

They did not like the anti-abortion echoes in their first name. As of this writing the group consists of gay men ready to cooperate with lesbians who have similar goals. They share an impulse that has spread in a few years from a few patient, dedicated "peaceniks" who have been at it forever into a vast movement that transcends nation, class, gender, religion and sexual orientation. Well, almost. For the moment the urgency of the cause preoccupies most of the participants, so really destructive splits have been avoided. Gay men are in the peace movement for the same reason as everyone else — to survive. For the first time in human history our world is peopled by generations who are learning to doubt the future — not how good it will be, but whether it will be at all. More subtle but just as critical is the issue of power: who has it, who does not and what does that mean in terms of human survival and potential?

Governments of the world currently spend US\$600-650 billion a year to arm themselves against each other and against their own people. This "defence" includes nuclear explosive power equivalent to three-and-a-half tons of TNT for every person on earth. Last year 750,000 people marched for peace at the UN in New York. Then the Reagan administration came out with plans to spend \$1.6 trillion on war preparations over the next five years. Toronto's disarmament referendum, the largest of more than one hundred thirty held in Canada last year, was consistent with the others in producing a 79.9% vote for multilateral disarmament. Yet the Canadian government — *ie*, the taxpayers — heavily subsidizes Litton to produce the cruise brain. A recent Gallup poll found the majority of Canadians oppose testing the cruise in Canada. (It was being tested in California, but so many crashed that the residents finally objected.) Still, the Minister of External Affairs continues to insist that public pressure won't stop him from signing the test agreement.

Gay people are used to breaking the law. Some places we do it by having sex in a park, or before we're twenty-one, or with more than one partner. Some places we do it by having sex under *any* circumstances, some places by even thinking about it. Usually our object is to get away with whatever we're trying to do; it costs too much if we're caught. Civil disobedience, on the other hand, involves a conscious decision to break the law openly, to challenge authority to its face. We do it when we march in the streets without a police permit, as we did after the bath raids. A group of men did it when they occupied Attorney General Roy McMurtry's office for several days. Another group did it when, in handcuffs, they protested from the Ontario legislature visitors' gallery our exclusion

from the so-called Human Rights Code. Out of these last two actions came a group called NOVA, for non-violent action, and out of NOVA came GLAD, Gay-Lesbian Action for Disarmament.

The members are a cross-section: a woodworker, an organist, a civil servant, a potter, a student, a microbiologist, a youth worker. Several are members of Dignity, the gay Catholic organization. The peace movement is full of Catholics, from conservative (*eg*, on abortion) to radical (rarely on abortion). At stake for them is the authority of their god, or more precisely their own natural authority, as received from their god, versus the unnatural accumulation of power vested in presidents, prime ministers, generals, chairmen of the board and, not infrequently, cardinals and popes. Standing behind the activists on this issue, for once, are the US Catholic bishops. Their astonishing pastoral letter says among other things, "We do not perceive any situation in which the deliberate initiation of nuclear warfare, on however restricted a scale, can be morally justified." Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has called the bishops "dangerous." It's easy to see what's at stake for him. Not only has the deliberate initiation of nuclear war been an integral and admitted part of US policy since the early '70s, but also the politicians and militarists have come very close to completely disconnecting the question of morality from what they hoped would be a strictly strategic matter, therefore their exclusive domain.

The members of GLAD aren't particularly unusual people. They have sex, make love, form intimate relationships with other men. Like the rest of us they were brought up to recognize and respect power. Like the rest of us they know it's good to obey, bad to disobey authority. All of them to varying degrees are afraid of breaking the law, afraid of jail, afraid of the police. At the same time they recognize that the "authorities" are leading us all like lemmings to the cliffs. So they're learning not to follow, but to disobey. In a world where most adults "consent" to be governed by criminals and fools, GLAD is trying to give some meaning to the term "consenting adults."

Laszlo Kertosz is a dancer. Or he was. Now he wants to do something else, in New York. He can't leave Canada until after his trial for resisting an officer on Remembrance Day. "When I get called a name on the street, sometimes I want to hit them so they'll think twice about insulting me again. But I don't want to cultivate that, it's a bad habit. To be able to hit someone you have to be able to see them as less than human. That's how you get war."

Paul Murphy is a practising Catholic. He works, when he can get work, as a church musician. One of his dreams for the peace movement is that it will develop songs that ordinary people can actually sing. "I'm working for disarmament and for gay rights because I have a particular vision — a world in which people aren't coerced into doing or being anything. I hear the argument all the time that we have to defend our faith or our way of life against the communists. But by killing them or even threatening to kill them we destroy our faith, our own beliefs. What's left to defend?"

With an attitude like that, Paul challenges the whole mass psychosis on which Western (*ie*, US) "defence" policy has depended since World War II. US leaders have openly threatened at least twelve times since 1945 to defend with nuclear weapons not just the United States but US *interests* (*eg*, oil in the Per-



REMEMBRANCE DAY, 1982: "BY THE END OF THE DAY 62 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, THE YOUNGEST IS 14, THE OLDEST IN HER LATE 60S"

sian Gulf). The US has made every major technological advance in weapons of mass destruction ahead of the USSR. Said Secretary of Defense Weinberger to Congress on the balance of power in 1982: "I would not for a moment exchange anything, because we have an immense edge in technology." And the US remains the only nation on earth actually to have *used* nuclear weapons against civilian populations. Despite all this, North American and European politicians are still able to convince large — though diminishing — portions of their people that communism is the major threat to world peace.

A similar mass conditioning impedes our struggle for gay liberation. Despite all evidence to the contrary, enough people can still be fooled into believing we pose a threat to children, to the holy family, to heterosexuality that we can still be denied the most basic human rights. Essentially the same surprisingly few people keep getting away with and banking on the same great lies, which allow them to hold power over a surprisingly large number of people. They succeed mainly because the majority don't know — don't want to know? — that it's happening. Among the beneficiaries of this sleight of hand are fundamentalist leaders. Both sexuality and peace are ideal issues for them, hard to grapple with, easy to mystify. *The Plain Truth*, a glossy fundamentalist magazine from California, features articles on sexual diseases, the virtues of free enterprise,

family life, the "red tide" of communism in Central America, the end of the world. "The good news is that humanity is *not* doomed! God will intervene and forcibly stop man at the last possible moment from despoiling himself." It's a classic message: sit back, do as we tell you, trust in higher authority and you'll be saved. The others will get what they deserve. Doesn't it all sound familiar?

David Collins is a gay peace activist. Leafletting workers at Litton — this has been done every week for the last two-and-a-half years — asking them to consider making something other than cruise missile guidance systems, David is often taunted, "Get a job!" They don't know that he works longer hours than they do, for disarmament and social change, two things he regards as inseparable. Sometimes he's paid for his work. It costs in other ways. He was arrested again on Remembrance Day at Litton. He expects to spend some of his life in prison for his beliefs. "When I think of the future I know I'm operating in a short time frame. My friends and housemates give me a lot of support, but when people have offered to deepen relationships, there can't be anyone I'm so close to that I couldn't leave them. It scares me sometimes, but I know it's the way the rest of my life is going to be."

In the November afternoon, determined to get closer to Litton, eighteen of the resisters not yet arrested try to cross a highway fence near the compound.

Some are clubbed to the ground, others pushed by police back onto the highway. Half are arrested, including at least two gay men. By the end of the day sixty-two people have been arrested. The youngest is fourteen, the oldest in her late sixties.

That night, as he was being fingerprinted, Paul Murphy recognized a folded paper crane, a Japanese peace symbol, on a desk in the police station. He'd left it there after being arrested during a previous Litton blockade. One of the detectives said to him, "You people should change the image of your movement so people like me would get involved. Now all you've got are these undesirables — communists, gay activists, weird hairdos." Paul pointed to his pink triangle. "I'm a gay activist. Am I undesirable?" "Not you, but the others, yes." At another station a policeman asked Richard Woollard, doing jail support work, what the pink triangle on his armband meant. "The gay peace group," Richard answered. "Oh," said the policeman. To help, Richard added, "Ask 52 Division. They know about gay people." Why is there a gay-lesbian peace group when GLAD members could have joined a bewildering array of established groups in the movement? Some of its more progressive people not only welcome us but actually appear to want to learn from our distinctive way of looking at and struggling with the world. But the more common reaction gay men who are open about their sexuality get is some variation of: "Well, now we know,

let's get on with the really important business of saving the world." Or: "Why do you always have to bring *that* into every discussion? Why can't you just *be*, as we are?" It's very easy to get absorbed, without a trace. That's why there's a gay-lesbian peace group.

Nineteen-eighty-three is the year cruise and Pershing missiles are to be installed in Europe. No one can predict what will happen at the next blockade. It seems likely that a larger number of people than ever are prepared to break the law, to survive. It's planned for April 8, but it could be earlier. For time and place, check with your local police. They're busily acknowledging the phenomenal growth of the peace movement by infiltrating and attacking it, the same way they acknowledge the gay movement or any other movement that challenges power. The arrest of suspected Litton bombers hasn't stopped harassment of open, non-violent groups and activists. All the parties in this struggle understand that power won by an individual or group represents power lost by another individual or group. The stakes couldn't be higher.

Gay-Lesbian Action for Disarmament will be there. So, they hope, will you

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On Saturday, 20 November, this magazine's circulation team trucked around Toronto newsstands with the December issue, removing from the racks the preceding issue with its story about an AIDS patient called Fred. That same day, in Manhattan, Fred was receiving visitors in his Ninth Avenue apartment — his friend Michael, his family. Without speaking, saying good-bye. The next morning, he died.

He had spent much of the last two months in the hospital, losing his strength but sustaining, perhaps even increasing, his scrappiness. Since the onset of AIDS more than a year before, Fred had made a sequence of firm decisions about his self-care. To the occasional consternation of Bruce, his lover, he chose seclusion; to the occasional consternation of his parents, he chose to remain among his gay community. He chose to discuss with me the "health crisis" in New York and to give me the interviews that led to the *TBP* article. When in August he began losing his sight, he chose a constant diet of TV for amusement — and for other purposes. When in November he knew the end was near, he chose to return home from the hospital. Bruce was beyond doubt that, after these visits on Saturday, he chose the morning of his dying.

Fred also chose silence for much of his last week; even that incessant television ended. "I like it when you're here," he once said to Bruce, "I don't have to talk to you." The silence was a refusal to say the wrong things, a way of stepping clear of the tensions that inevitably rose around him as his parents became increasingly distressed with his condition and his lover increasingly distressed with his parents. It was further, Bruce feels, a choice to wean his closest friends from his presence: a way of teaching us to let go as he himself was letting go.

He could jolly well break silence when he wished. "Smile," he snapped wryly one day to Bruce as they sat together. "You're blind, how do you know I'm not smiling?" Bruce needed. "I know when you're not smiling," came the retort. In the last weeks at home a nurse was required. After a young male nurse, Fred's first choice, failed to work out, the agency sent a well-tested black woman from Brooklyn. Her name was Willadean. "You can call me Willie," she told him. Fred lamented how many new names he was having to learn. "Well then," she said, "call me Nurse." "I'll call you Maid," he replied, and she raised no objection. Even when he spoke to no one else, he answered Willie's arriving, "Good morning, dear," with a croaky, "Good morning, Maid." Maid was indispensable in these weeks when incontinence and delirium wracked him.

On Saturday night, still without a word, he summoned his strength to lift an arm over Bruce, who was falling asleep beside him, in a long, hard-as-possible hug. Bruce wondered what he wanted, if he needed anything, and only later realized that this was not an asking but a giving.

The next morning Bruce woke to hear him breathing fitfully. After trying to find a more comfortable position for him, Bruce showered, tidied the apartment, prepared for what he knew would be one of the last days. Fred now was utterly weak, a skin-and-bones echo of the vibrant thirty-three-year-old redhead Bruce had met sixteen months before. Now, every breath required a struggle. Bruce took his place at the bed and began coaching, "Come on now, take a breath. Now, take another one," and depressed Fred's sternum to cue the ex-

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THIS SEEING THE SICK ENDEARS THEM

BY MICHAEL LYNCH

halations. It was 8:50. Maid was due in at nine, and Bruce began to fret for her arrival. He hesitated phoning the hospital, fearing an inhumane flurry of ambulances, emergency rooms, artificial respirators. At this moment, he desperately wanted Fred to live; but if death was at hand, he also wanted him to die there at home with the two of them together and touching. At five to nine he reached to phone Michael, their friend who lives nearby, but got no answer. Then the phone rang. "Hi, it's Michael, did you just call?" "Come," Bruce said. "Now." It was after this call, knowing (Bruce is certain) that Michael was on his way but with the two of them still alone together, that Fred breathed his last. Bruce closed his lover's eyes, straightened the illness-thinned body on the bed, arranged the covers and awaited Michael's arrival.

Maid arrived too, and the next few hours involved many phone calls and visitors: the police ("Do you live here?" "Have you been with him all night?" "How long have you known him?" "How long was he sick?"); the medical Inspector ("If his doctor will sign the death certificate, we won't have to take him over to the morgue"); and Fred's family, who in turns kept watch over him in his bedroom. Intermittently, Bruce went in to assure himself that yes, it was ended. He saw over the drawn face with its now enormously bushy mustache a new ease.

The funeral chapel was summoned, and during the next two days a strike by funeral directors provided comic inconveniences. "Yesterday was like an Altman movie," Michael quipped on Tuesday, "today was like a rerun." There was no hearse, but a station wagon. The limousine drivers honoured the strike and would drive only to within two blocks of the chapel so the picketers wouldn't see them. (Bruce found a politically incorrect gay limo service who'd drive them all the way.) Fred's brother's rabbi was busy, so Bruce's friend David summoned the rabbi who serves the congregation on Fire Island. "He was a mir-

acle," Bruce recalled — winning the family with his warmth and assuring the friends with his gay honesty.

Fred's parents granted Bruce the lead in the preparations for their son's funeral, embracing him even further than they had before. They instructed the rabbi to recognize fully Bruce and Fred's relationship in the eulogy. For parents who had had difficulty accepting their son's gayness as a public fact — and who, sitting shiva the next two nights still found it difficult to introduce Bruce to their friends as Fred's "lover" — it was a giant step. They now were choosing to come out a bit further as parents of a gay man. As Larry's parents — for this is his name, "Fred" being a pseudonym I used in the article because they requested a pseudonym. In the *Times*, they placed an obit notice that recognized Bruce and, perhaps more tellingly (since for them Kaposi's sarcoma was a telltale identification of gayness), indicated Larry's sexuality by requesting memorial contributions to the New York University Kaposi's Sarcoma Research Fund.

Bruce's own family, in California, was less tractable. When his mother phoned to apologize for not coming, Bruce exploded. "The rabbi said that the day between the death and the funeral is a day to say whatever I feel, without regard for later problems," he prefaced. "So I'm going to say it. I'm pissed that you aren't here. If it were a daughter- or a son-in-law, you'd damn well be here." He hung up. A few hours later, relatives from both coasts began to call. His mother had phoned the entire extended family to tell them her son was gay, his lover had died and he needed to hear from them. Later in the week, an aunt from Jersey crossed the river to visit in the apartment for the first time. She spent several hours learning about Larry from Bruce, going over their picture albums, opening — too late for Larry, but not too late for his lover — many doors.

On Sunday Bruce had plopped Michael by the telephone with a long list of friends to phone. "I want them to know

from us, not by hearing it on the street or in the gym." On Monday, the funeral chapel prepared for one hundred fifty people and had to fumble for extra seating when twice that number showed for the service. Larry's friends, Bruce's friends, Larry-and-Bruce's friends, family, concerned brothers from the Gay Men's Health Crisis (who in recent weeks had become "incredibly responsive," earning Bruce's gratitude). The rabbi, who had been given the *TBP* article the night before, referred to the sparkle that first attracted Bruce to Larry's eyes and directed his eulogy to Bruce and to Larry's friends as well as to the family. Larry, who accepted his illness in the context of his gayness, was respected by being recognized as gay in his death.

"The outpouring of love throughout the day not only provided the necessary support that Bruce and the rest of Larry's family needed," David later remarked, "but I think, beyond that, it truly legitimized Larry's lifestyle to his family." Sitting shiva, he, Bruce and Michael all observed the family's awe at this massive love and lively affection. "I especially watched Larry's brother," Bruce grinned, "the brother who had said when Larry came out to him, 'you'll always be accepted in my home despite your gayness, but none of your friends will be welcome there.' Over the last year, he'd come around. Now here he was in our home, and these friends were all around us caring for us, caring for him. And he was caring for all of us as well."

In 1880 the English Catholic priest and man-loving poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, after watching a Liverpool parishioner die, wrote a poem that rings synonymously with our experience of Larry's illness and death:

*Felix Randal the farrier, O is he dead
then? my duty all ended,
Who have watched his mould of man, big-
boned and hardy-handsome
Pining, pining, till time when reason
rambled in it and some
Fatal four disorders, fleshed there,
all contended?*

Hopkin's poem phrases something else we experienced, most marvellously:

*This seeing the sick endears them to us,
us too it endears.*

For if Larry became dearer to us, even in his reason's rambling and his pining body, being close to him in his illness also made his friends and family dearer to each other.

Five days after the funeral and the cold gray skies of the Long Island burial, Bruce came to Toronto for a weekend of sharing. In his suitcase was the Yohrtseit candle, which we relit together in my living room. On Saturday night we went dancing, as we had long known we would. We danced with a furious rage against our loss, brought Larry back to life between us on the dance floor, electrified our bodies with an energy that could only have been his legacy entering into us as it departed from his hardy-handsome mould. A death dance, we found, is no mild, pallidly mournful mime, but a vigorous rout, a transfer of power from the dead to the living. Before that night I thought I understood the "passionate" in "passionate friendship"; now it seems to me a force beyond telling. How much more powerful than the myths of transfiguration or eternal life is the charged new life of friends who have experienced loss together, who have felt themselves the recipients of their dead friend's liveliest gift. □

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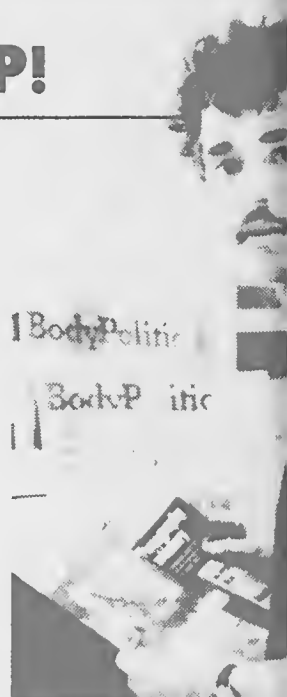
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Finding the spot for strengthening orgasms

Ever since Freud sanctified, in the name of science, the old myth that a woman could not possibly be happy, adjusted or mature unless she quit playing around with her clit, transferred all orgasmic responses to the inside of her vagina, placed her little probing fingers somewhere other than her genitals, and surrendered to the stark reality of an erect penis, most attempts to write or fantasize about things like female ejaculations and deeply penetrating vaginal orgasms triggered at the G spot have been met with a stony silence from feminists and anti-feminists, lesbian and straight alike.

But even during the best of times, when detailed analyses of sexual practices are placed high on the agenda of science or politics, these attempts have often been confused or equated with the "true" expression, the essence of female identity, an essence located precisely at the site of a woman's sexual pleasure. At those times, a simple paradox raises its typically static head: either a woman is seen to be dependent — she needs a cock to bring her to "real," deeply satisfying (vaginal) orgasm; or her "nature" is seen to be "essentially" independent — it would soon be proven "scientifically" that the clitoris, and not the vagina, is the only "real" sexual organ, providing for the only "real" sexual fulfillment. It is exactly this clit/vagina paradox of essences that our friends Ladas, Whipple and Perry wish to resolve with their little pink book, *The G Spot*. They don't succeed, but that's due more to the way they have presented the material than the actual material itself.

As neo-Freudians, with credentials that span the field of bioenergetics, sexology, nursing, the Divinity, and being a featured guest on the Phil Donahue show, they are quick to point out the thing this book is not:

This book is not a book about love. It is not about the problems people have in relating to one another. It is not about resolving emotional problems, although some of them may vanish as the facts described are applied to people's lives. Above all, this is not a panacea for all the sexual problems faced by humankind.

Having carefully narrowed the scope of their topic in this way, they begin, albeit in a pedantic manner, their attempt to resolve the paradox — to attribute a woman's essence to the clit or vagina — by arguing that a woman's essence can be attributed to both. Not only that, they argue that that essence is completely analogous with (rather than inferior or superior to) the male orgasm and male physiology in general. Simply stated, their argument centres around three (not so) recent discoveries: the recognition of the G spot; female ejaculation during orgasm; and the pubococcygeus muscle located between the pubic bone and the anus.

Let us begin with the G spot itself. In 1944, Dr Ernst Gräfenberg located a spot on the anterior wall of the vagina. When this G spot was rubbed or stimulated "properly," Gräfenberg found it swelled and eventually led to one or a multiple series of "deep" and gigantic vaginal orgasms.

But the existence of the G spot flew right in the face of one of the most sig-

nificant scientific studies on female sexual physiology to date: Masters and Johnson's *Human Sexual Response*, 1966. This study claimed to have proved that the clitoris was the only sexually orgasmic organ in the female body, with all sensitive nerves in the genital area — including those within the vagina — eventually connecting at the bud of the clitoris itself. Well, Ladas, Whipple and Perry argue that this spot is not simply an extension of clitoral nerves, but has its own set of tissues, nerves and orgasmic properties quite unlike those of the clitoris. More importantly, they argue that a plausible reason why Masters and Johnson would have missed such a crucial finding was due both to poor lab conditions (such as tenderly using a Q-tip as an insufficient probe, thereby preventing them from actually finding it) as well as relying on an anti-Freudian/-pro-clit environment, which convinced them to stop searching any farther. Ladas, Whipple, and Perry followed instead the instructions detailed by Gräfenberg and found the spot in all 400 cases studied.

In doing so, they made an interesting comparison. Instead of likening this spot to any other sexual area on the female body, they compared it to that of the prostate gland located on the anterior wall of the anus in the male. Like the G spot in women the prostate gland, when adequately stimulated, would swell and in some cases produce multiple orgasms. Moreover, they found that the chemical composition of the ejaculatory fluid of the males was exactly the same

(minus the sperm) as that of a fluid produced by women during these "deep" orgasmic encounters. And, incidentally, it was shot out of women during orgasm as intensely as it was out of men.

They found one thing of note: that if you want to strengthen and prolong those lovely orgasms, there is an exercise you — both men and women — can perform on the set of muscles between the anus and pubic bone (called the PC muscle for short). Basically it involves pulling up (as if holding in urine) for three or more seconds and then a pushing down (as if having a bowel movement) for the same amount of time in approximately fifteen minute interval exercise sessions. And to make sure the exercising is being done properly, it is best to proceed with a "resistor" inside the anus or vagina (in the form of a tampon, dildo, fingers, penis or whatever).

Whipple, Perry and Ladas have reopened for public debate and experience some important and timely facts — and this is the best thing that can be said about the book itself. For it is written in the most patronizing fashion, treating its readers as if they are thirty-five going on two years of age. Not only that, but the examples they choose representing the true testimonials of the thousands of grateful wide-eyed (and usually heterosexual) innocents who have been helped by finding their spots, prostate glands or PC muscles range from mild pathos to outright misogyny. Two examples will suffice:

While listening to women describe their experiences with G spot stimulation, (a

male psychologist) became quite confused.... "Well," said a nurse. "Have you ever had your prostate examined?"

"No," he admitted. So she instructed him to lie down, and inserted a lubricated finger. "Yee-ow-ow!" he screamed, as she quickly located his virgin prostate.

He described the sensation as a stabbing pain and was convinced that his prostate had been pierced by a long fingernail. He demanded to inspect the nurse's finger, and was shocked to discover that she had hardly any fingernails at all.

"How could I have been so wrong?" he asked himself.... He asked the nurse to repeat the procedure. This time the results were distinctly different. There was no sharp pain nor even any dull pain. Although the idea of a finger poking into his anus was "weird" he had to admit that it felt good. Indeed, very quickly it began to feel terrific.

Dorothy was a young mother who was preoccupied with her children and became less and less interested in sex. Her husband reacted to this by having an affair, during which he discovered the advantages of strong PC muscles. He told his wife about the affair and what he had discovered and threatened to get a divorce if she did not get medical help for her weak muscles.

Dorothy, a deeply religious person, was upset about her husband's affair, but also recognized that she had a problem.

... Finally she learned of a bio feedback therapist who offered vaginal myography, and made an appointment. According to the therapist, "She was the best patient I ever treated. She was literally motivated by the fear of Hell and damnation. Convinced her impending divorce was caused by her neglect of her PC muscle and determined to save her marriage, she practised like mad.... By the second week, she was hitting a reading of 19 or 20, which put her in the top 2 percent of women who have been measured." Obviously there were other problems in the marriage... but her husband never again complained about her muscle weakness.

I suppose if we needed reminding that we are the only ones who can liberate ourselves, who can know and create our sexualities as distinct from true essences and identities imposed upon us, then *The G Spot* serves yet another function. But don't go out and buy it — lie down and find it. **Sue Golding** □

BOOKS

Singing and swinging in 18th-century Italy

Cry to Heaven, by Anne Rice. Knopf, 1982.

Have you ever wondered what exactly got cut off when boys were made into eunuchs? In most cases, only the testicles were removed from the scrotum, leaving the penis intact and fully capable of erection and, eventually, ejaculation (minus the sperm). Castrations were commonly performed on pre-pubescent boys in a number of cultures, usually to produce court attendants or singers. In Europe, where participation by women singers in church services and operas was often discouraged or banned altogether, the practice was a gruesome result of sexism.

Although castrati may seem like relics of the dim past, many of them lived and performed in the nineteenth century; Alessandro Moreschi, the last professional castrato, sang in the Sistine Chapel choir and died in 1922. The best of them had soprano voices of enormous power, range and flexibility, but we can really only guess at their sound. Only Moreschi made recordings, and that was in 1902-3, well before the advent of high fidelity.



The G Spot and Other Recent Discoveries about Human Sexuality, by Alice Kahn Ladas, Beverly Whipple, and John D Perry. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1982. \$16.25.

The heyday of their operatic performances was the early eighteenth century in Italy, and this world is faithfully recreated in *Cry to Heaven*. The historical detail in the novel is impressive, providing a wealth of information about the society of the time, and especially its operas. Unfortunately, all this detailed information does not add up to a poetic evocation of the period. In this respect, the work is distinctly inferior to the historical novels of Mary Renault, which seem almost effortlessly to recreate the lives of people and societies long dead. Rice works rather too hard at this — at one point actually listing various historical facts evidently intended to give us our bearings — and the result is that the reader becomes rooted more firmly than ever in the twentieth century.

The story is centred on the lives of two castrati, Guido and Tonio. Guido, born of a peasant family in southern Italy, is castrated at the age of six as a money-making project for his family. He is taken to a *conservatorio* in Naples, where he becomes a singer of great promise — but loses his voice at age eighteen. His talents as a teacher and composer are insufficient consolation until, after several suicide attempts, he meets Tonio and becomes his mentor.

Tonio, on the other hand, is the heir of the Treschi, one of the great patrician families of Venice. His love of singing carries him into the streets and alleyways of Venice, where he performs with a band of wandering entertainers and startles the inhabitants with his incredible voice and musical skill. His castration just prior to puberty is orchestrated by his disinherited elder brother. Because of the operation, Tonio is robbed of the destiny he has grown to expect and is exiled from Venice. His ascent to fame on



Striking a familiar chord: viewed as sexual misfits, but no problems with birth control

the operatic stage and his obsession with revenge become the major motifs of the novel. He pursues both these goals with nearly demonic intensity, working with Guido in the studio and mastering the arts of the sword and stiletto in the fencing salons and taverns of Naples.

It is in this narrative that the novel shines. Rice's skill as a storyteller is especially apparent in her recounting of Tonio's romantic involvements. His relationship with Guido, who becomes his lover as well as his teacher, is complex and convincing, filled with caring and conflict. Just as finely wrought is the love between Tonio and Christina, an English woman who marries into the Neapolitan nobility and is widowed shortly thereafter, devoting her life to painting and, eventually, to Tonio.

Some of the sex scenes in the novel attain an almost incandescent sensuality. In this, Rice outshines Mary Renault, whose handling of lovemaking in her novels lacks the intimacy and immediacy found here.

Tonio and his peers are an interesting group — castrati, musicians and offbeat members of the nobility. Castrati were viewed as sexual misfits; they were not permitted to marry but were widely sought after as lovers, no doubt in part because birth control was not a problem for them or their partners. Their position outside the mainstream of socially approved sexual patterns will strike a familiar chord for gay readers.

Writing this novel cannot have been an easy task, since its five hundred odd pages are crammed with historical detail

in so many fields — music, politics, architecture, interior design, — to name only a few. Its tapestry is flawed with an overly literal approach to all this, but it should be richly rewarding to those who love historical fiction.

John Higgins

FILM

Toughness and wit at the 5 and Dime

Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean. Dir: Robert Altman.

There's a wonderful moment near the end of Robert Altman's latest film when Cissy, the brassy cut-up (as played by the amazing Cher), breaks down and tearfully confesses that her much envied breasts are rubber. A mastectomy has deprived her of her proudest asset and of her husband, Lester T, a redneck stud who has run off repulsed by her disfigured body. It's a moment of haunting sadness, which, in the hands of a lesser director might have chimed hollowly with self-pity. But Altman's editing is inspired. Immediately he cuts to the faces of Cissy's listeners (the reassembled Disciples of James Dean), stopping at brash Edna May who bursts out, "Shit — and all this time all you's wearin' was retreads!" The laughter which erupts is disturbing, but healing, for it conveys an extraordinary moment of human contact and womynly solidarity.

Unpredictable Altman's latest offering combines fluid camera work and unusual editing to turn material that might have been tediously static into a compassionate study of oppression and self-deception, suffused with humour and insight. The film surpasses its mongrel origins in '40s weepies and '50s melodramas once disparagingly nicknamed "women's pictures." It glances at, but sidesteps, the maudlin excesses of *The Boys In the Band* without sacrificing toughness and wit.

As Joanne — a sleekly sophisticated version of Joe, the young dimestore clerk once brutalized and shunned by small town bigots — Karen Black gives her greatest performance since *Nashville*. Ostensibly, Joe/Joanne has come back with the other members of the fan club to reaffirm an undying devotion to glorious Dean. But she also returns with motives of defiance and revenge. Altman's restless camera hovers continually about her enigmatic presence, capturing her humorous malice in a series of disarming close-ups.

The film's treatment of transsexual Joanne seems both sympathetic and uncompromising. It challenges the assumption by popular audiences that transsexuals are simply women trapped in men's bodies. Circumstances (small-town homophobia) and personal weakness have prevented Joe from dealing with his gay identity and his own oppression. He has transformed himself into a less-than-happy parody of the "girl his mother always wanted." Asked by the group if she has any regrets, Black stares mysteriously into the camera like a siamese cat: "Only when I think about it."

The film shuttles back and forth between the innocence of the '50s — "Sincerely," crooned by the McGuire Sisters, *Photoplay* fan magazines, nooky and fag-beating in the local cemetery and the impoverished mythology of post-Watergate 1975. Altman's elliptical dissolves and fades enable him to explore the widening gap between youth's ideals and present, harsher truths.

AESTHETERA

• Brad Davis's tit-ular performance in *Querelle*, Fassbinder's last film, has inspired an enterprising company in Paris to market look-alike tank tops for 98F each. *Querelle*, which except for a show-



Brad Davis in Querelle: sartorial inspiration

ing at last year's Montreal film festival has hardly been seen in North America, will be released across the continent in late April, along with *Wizard of Babylon*, a documentary by Dieter Schider (producer of *Querelle*) which includes footage of Fassbinder's last days. Next summer's necklines may indicate how successful the movie is.

• Quentin Crisp, porn star Casey Donovan, writer Vito Russo and

Andrew Bassi, owner of the Wire Whisk Cooking Center, will be some of the celebrities aboard the ms Lindblad Explorer when it leaves Halifax on its **Cruise the Atlantic with Us** voyage September 19. Nine days later, following "elaborate tea parties, formal dinners and a glittering Fancy Dress Gala," the ship will dock in the Caribbean. "The passenger list will read like a Social Register of the gay world," promises Hanns Ebensten Travel Inc, 705 Washington St, New York, NY 10014.

• Edmund White, author of *States of Desire* and *A Boy's Own Story*, is working on a new fantasy novel called *Caracole*. "It's heterosexual," he told *Publisher's Weekly*, "meaning there are no gay characters. That's the fantasy part. I'm also doing a book of critical essays — some previously published, others new, on James Merrill, Proust, Nabokov, James Schuyler and others."

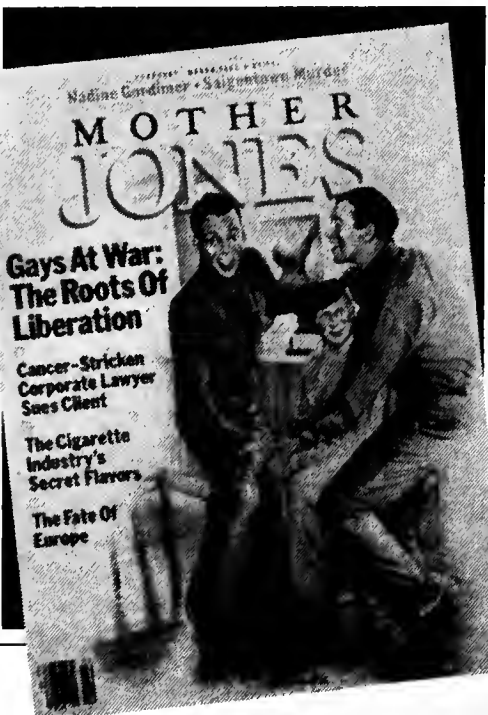
• The February/March issue of *Mother Jones* features an excellent article by Allan Bérubé on lesbians and gay men in World War II called "Coming Out Under Fire," part of a book-in-progress. Bérubé is still welcoming information, as well as financial support, for a research project on World War II sponsored by the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project. He recently quit his job and is devoting three months to raising money for the project. If the fund-raising is successful, it will allow him to, among other things, interview more than fifty men and women ready to relate their experiences (such as a gay American pilot who spent time in a German POW camp, and a woman who worked with other lesbians in a Pentagon typing pool), and work through the Freedom of Information Act to collect material from secret FBI files — he has

already received some personal memos written by J Edgar Hoover on controlling wartime rumours that he was "queer" and ordering FBI surveillance of gay officials in Washington. Write: World War II Project, Box 42332, San Francisco, CA 94101.

• Joan Nestle, a founding member of the Lesbian Herstory Archives, is engaged in researching the lesbian community in New York City from the turn of the century to 1970. Any information (confidentiality assured) will be appreciated. Write: 215 West 92nd St, New York, NY 10025, or call (212) 874-7232.

• West Germany's *Pink Rosa Press* recently released the ultimate in glossy gay guides. Their 1983 *Gay Model Guide* is interspersed with 3-D male photos. Sold with the book are coloured glasses for viewing the pics. □

Allan Bérubé on WWII: excellent research by a historian seeking more info — and funding



But, as in most Altman films, the lonely and eccentric somehow survive, retreating into their own world of dreams and fabrications. For Millie in *Three Women*, Barbara Jean in *Nashville* or Mona in *Jimmy Dean*, life is a series of necessary fictions and delicate accommodations. As the truth-telling process of the strange reunion intensifies, Mona (Sandy Dennis) slips back into the doomed world of the past and her dimstore shrine to a martyred saint. "It is real, it's just deceivin' to the eye," she quivers early in the film, cradling a chunk of the crumbling *Giant* mansion-facade: "That's the way they do things in the movies."

In the meantime the personalities of legendary James Dean and transsexual Joanne converge bizarrely in the symbolic figure of Mona's backward son, Jimmy-Dean, whom we hear spoken of but never actually see. His escape from Mona's mausoleum (in Joanne's yellow Porsche!) aptly combines pathos with terror: the fadeout of a doomed era with the disappearance of its celluloid gods. **Paul Baker** □

MORE BOOKS

The Godfucker

An Asian Minor: The True Story of Ganymede by Felice Picano. Sea Horse Press, 1981. \$6.95.

This short book is, in essence, about how to get fucked by a god (first clue: become the most beautiful boy in the world). It's an erotic fairy tale inspired by, but owing nothing to, the Greek myth of Zeus's rape of Ganymede, son of the King of Troy.

The narrative voice is Ganymede's (age twelve when the story begins), and a very confused voice it is. Picano has him speak in a mixture of eclectic twentieth century colloquial ("my own main man,

If an alien from outer space had landed in Toronto on January 14 and wandered into the Innis College Town Hall at eight o'clock, it would have learned two things:

1. that Kate Clinton is a "fumerist";
2. that a "fumerist" is a woman who stands up in front of a room full of feminists and tells penis jokes.

Said alien might (understandably) be confused as to the nature of North American "fumer" and might (conceivably) blame itself, thinking perhaps that it had misunderstood or misheard some of Ms Clinton's jokes. It might, therefore, purchase Ms Clinton's new album, *Making Light!*, hoping to be enlightened. And would, instead, hear more penis jokes.

Poor alien. Alone and confused, it would travel back to outer space, formulating in its recently politicized brain yet another version of that old joke:

Q: How many lesbian stand-up comics does it take to tell a penis joke?

A: That's not funny.

Edna Barker □

Zeus"; "everything was pretty hunky-dory") and Taylor Caldwell historical ("The shepherd was aged... but withal quite clean, vigorous, and even muscular...."). The effect of this combination is usually jarring and always somewhat ridiculous. Take for example its apotheosis (I use the word advisedly) near the end of the tale, when Jupiter finally makes his appearance in a blaze of lightning-induced electricity. Ganymede still plays it coy: "'What happens if I come to you?' I asked, and answered myself. 'I become barbecued boy, right? Well, forget it.'"

The story itself, when told simply and without these anachronistic artifices, is a pleasantly erotic romantic fantasy. Who wouldn't want to screw Apollo or shack up with Jupiter and then live happily ever after? And the illustrations are appropriately suggestive; like the sex scenes, they are never graphic.

I don't know what Picano was trying to prove here. Perhaps he's making fun



of modern efforts to find a gay sensibility in classical and medieval art and literature. Maybe if he hadn't tried so hard to be cute, this brief entertainment would have more substance than it does. Whatever his motives, Picano and (more often than not) the reader both have a good time. **Rick Archbold** □

Variable standards

Overlooked and Underrated. Issue 12 of *Little Caesar*, edited by Ian Young. Little Caesar Press (3373 Overland Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90034), 1982. \$3.

The cover of the latest number of *Little Caesar*, Dennis Cooper's interesting little magazine from California, is graced by a photograph of the young Glenway Wescott, an absorbing, informal study of pensive beauty taken by George Platt Lynes, probably in the '20s. Within the magazine, accompanying an essay enti-

tled "Glenway Wescott, an unfinished story" is a later picture of the writer, looking fit and cheerful. Wescott is one of a number of living and dead writers saluted by a group of contributors who were requested by issue editor Ian Young to select authors who have not received the critical and public reception to which their work entitles them.

The resulting tributes vary widely in tone, subject matter and quality. Neither the photo of the mature Wescott nor Jerry Rosco's essay suggest that he is suffering bitterly from his relative obscurity. Poet Tim Dlugos makes a good case for the largely ignored merits of Donald Wyndham's fiction, and Oswald Blakeston has contributed a charming if abbreviated memoir of Mary Buttes, the exotic novelist and confidante of Jean Cocteau. But Edmund White's essay on poet James Schuyler seems an appreciation of a writer whose career some might envy (Schuyler has been published by a major New York house, after all).

It is the variability of standards and the lack of an editorial overview that produces the sometimes confusing variety of submissions. Many of the subjects and their themes are gay, and this undoubtedly helped consign some of the writers to neglect. But the broader truth is that most writers (and particularly poets) write for a very select audience, and most of the public rarely reads. Writers are unfortunately not heroes in our time. **George K Sax** □

Tainted tweeds

Crush by Jane Fitch. Little, Brown and Co, 1982.

After reading this novel, I was shocked to find out that the author was a member of the Feminist Writers Guild. I assumed that a member of this supportive group should a) be able to create credible female characters and b) deal with the topic of lesbianism with some degree of originality. I know that *Crush* was written for "young adults," but frankly, I think one could read hate tracts by the Moral Majority and get a more positive view of homosexuality than found in this novel.

Trapped in its genre, the novel is set in an exclusive girls boarding school, and both the tweedy teachers and their petted students seethe with repressed emotions. Of the two students who actually fall into bed together, one thinks that sleeping with men will wash off the taint of being "queer." Not only is the plot unoriginal, but the writing itself lacks force, the characters are like cardboard pawns, and the two young women are so bitchy and spiteful they could have been lifted intact from some sleazy pulp novel. I suppose it is necessary to make a few compromises when you publish with Little, Brown, but in light of the great things now being written by lesbian writers we don't have to make do with this sort of trash. **Joy Parks** □

This issue's writers

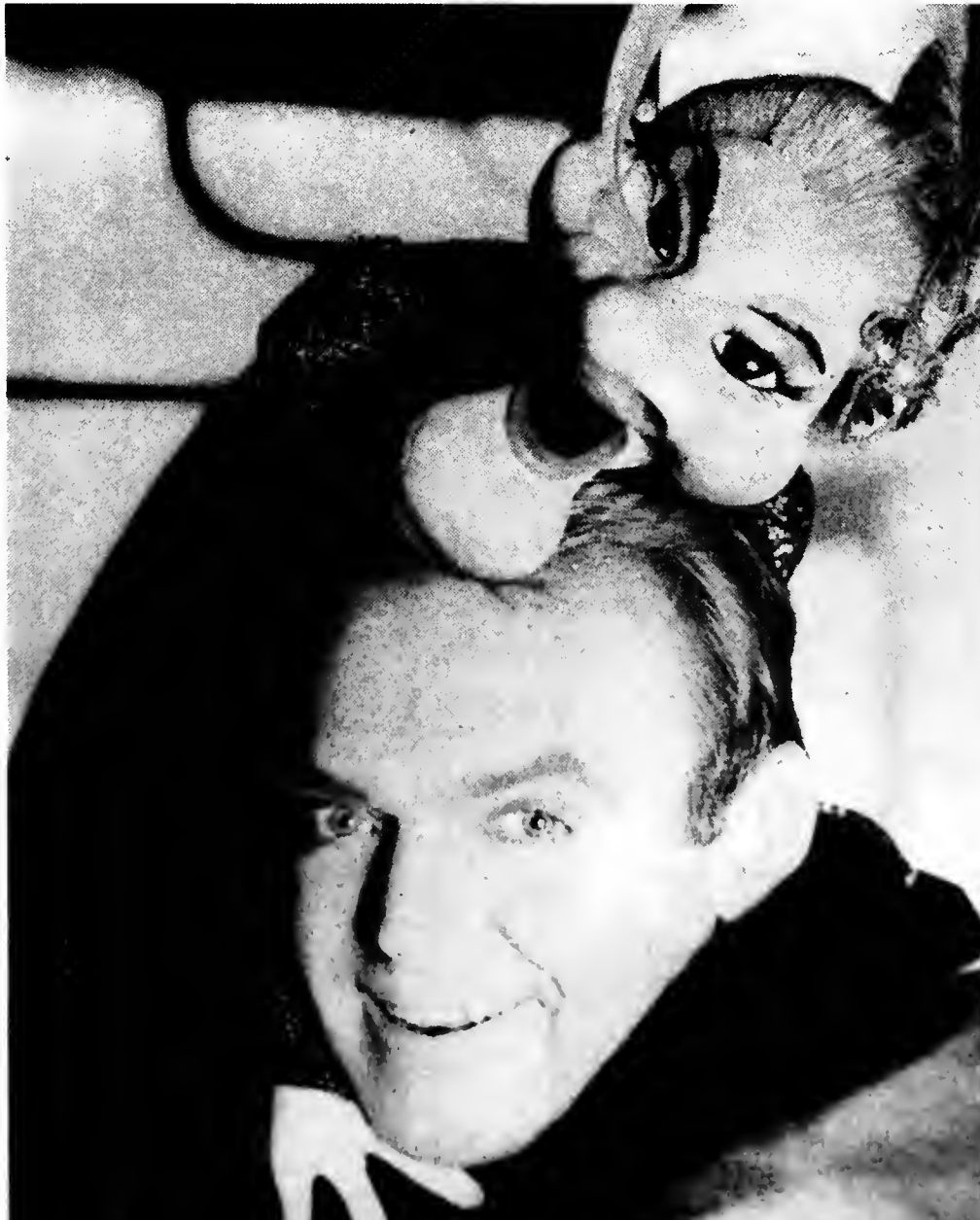
Rick Archbold is a former editor who now does it for fun rather than profit. **Paul Baker** is a Toronto writer and Altman fan. **Edna Barker** is a freelance editor who only tells jokes sitting down. **Sue Golding** is finishing her thesis on Gramsci and democratic politics. **Gerald Hannon**'s father made him wash his hands before using the telephone. **John Higgins** is a Toronto lawyer and an enthusiastic reader and musician. **Michael Lynch** is contemplating a piece about the role of promiscuity in the gay community. **Joy Parks** is TBP's lesbian small press columnist. **George Sax** is a social scientist in Buffalo. **Phil Shaw** pushes paper, professionally, personally, he pumps iron.

Easily the most intriguing question about *Madame's Place*, the syndicated TV sit-com starring Wayland Flowers's screamingly funny puppet, Madame, is, "How do the male actors on the show feel about interacting with a she who is really a he?" In their profession, it's still not every day that they encounter a Tootsie or a Victor/Victoria.

The way to *Madame's Place* was paved undoubtedly by Jim Henson's muppets and their TV exploits. It is Madame's success, however, to up the ante on the whole experience. Identifiably, she is modelled not after a piggy but a human being (two, actually: Flowers's mother and an aunt) and — more to the point — she is a female given life by a male puppeteer. It's a connection quite unusual in the worlds of puppets or ventriloquism. Quite simply, Madame is genderfuck.

As with all puppets, Madame's power lies in "her" tongue. Conceived as a witch character when first created by a friend of Flowers, she's evolved into a happy harriidan, and one on the make. Her bio now mentions six ex-husbands, and sexual pursuit is the prime rationale for the show's storyline. Madame as divorcée consistently projects her randiness with talk so smart it tops almost any expert in bitchy repartee you'd care to mention. Besides her tongue, Madame also has Flowers's marvelous facility at manipulating her outsized jaw and chin and positioning her shoulders, elbows and hands, creating with this limited vocabulary an extremely expressive body language.

Madame's got a drag artist's sensibility, really, and she's as good as the best. Her show let's you know when she's particularly on target — it allows the real guffaws of the studio technicians to shadow the added-on laugh track. **Phil Shaw** □



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Shameless Sapphistry

Happy birthday, happy birthday to Shared Ground! This marks one year of this column's appearance in *TBP*. I had hoped in the beginning that we might be able to start some sort of two-way communication in this space. However, after a whole year I'm still doing all the talking. I mean it when I say I need your help. Please send in your suggestions, or books and magazines that you would like to see "shared" with other readers and we will go on from there. OK, the secret is out — sometimes I just get lonely and need to know what *you* think should appear in Shared Ground.

That shameless hussy Alta has come a long way from producing poetry pamphlets in her garage. *The Shameless Hussy*, a new anthology of her prose and poetry makes it clear that it was well worth the trip. The only problem I've encountered with Alta's work is that it's unusual. It's so involving and inspiring, but so damned funny and heartbreaking at the same time that it's hard to do her poetry justice in a review. Better to let her speak for herself:

i am one of the true hussies
i have no shame.
i was a housewife, and
stretched from the housiness of it (hus)
and the wifiness of it (wif/hus-wife) to
a woman who can't bear wifedom (hussy)/i
grew beyond the house like alice after
eating
too many cookies; lovers, poetry, moving
my
body in a new way, an old way, the way
women
like me have always moved, largely; with
great
motions beyond our allotted sphere, with
more
need than fear and more grace than shame.

As much as I'd like to suggest that Alta's work, like good food and sunshine, is just right for everyone, I know better. Beware this book if you can't handle her idiosyncratic spellings or the way she zig-zags through writing forms. But if you're a racy hussy who will try anything once, you shouldn't miss the experience of Alta.

My experience with how-to books on lesbian sexuality has convinced me that most are written by ambidextrous male anthropologists studying groups of lesbians in the way one would study extra-terrestrials. Those books concentrate their information either on bed-positions that could make a contortionist from Barnum's shake her head in disbelief, or on listings of the multiple functions of wine bottle necks and vegetable sticks. May the goddess bless Pat Califia for the honesty, realism, sense of humour and warmth in her book of lesbian sexuality, *Sapphistry*. Examining both techniques and taboos, this book is a well researched and practical guide to many facets of lesbian sexuality. Very important is her chapter on sexually-transmitted diseases, which looks at a number of conditions specific to lesbians. Her work on disabled lesbians is required reading, not just for physically-challenged women, but for all those seeking the knowledge necessary for understanding women whose experience may be quite different from their own. Califia's section on S/M lesbians may be one of the few places where the difference between variant sex between

two (or more) consenting women and the problems of plain old painful power-tripping is alone worth the cost of the book. Tee Corine's illustrations — fine line-drawings made in homage to women artists who have created erotic images for women — evoke the lushness of lesbian sexuality which balances the author's direct no-nonsense approach.

The Cancer Journals by Audre Lorde is a difficult book to read. Its truths are



Audre Lorde: great courage as a survivor

terrifying. The writing is so intense, so raw, that there are times when you are tempted to turn away. Yet you can't hide from the experience of the writer, knowing her pain could belong to any of us. *The Cancer Journals* record the author's experience dealing with cancer in her breast and her subsequent mastectomy. Her torments go beyond the physical aspects of the disease, to the inevitable fear, surgery and therapy geared to the heterosexual woman's conviction that she must appear normal, sexy, and marketable. Such problems take on greater significance because of the author's need, as a lesbian, to love her own body, and to love women's bodies without pretension.

As a black lesbian, Audre Lorde's experience shows the medical system to be not only sexist and inhuman, but racist — primarily based on a white, male power system that is both brutal and dangerous to women. Lorde shows great courage as a survivor in *The Cancer Journals*, describing the depth of concern and love provided by a small community of women who love her. These were strong enough in their caring to help her deal with a personal tragedy which so many women have to face alone. *The Cancer Journals* is a strong, powerful and important document, *political* in the way it examines a system of patriarchal values which threatens our very lives, and intensely *personal* in its ability to demonstrate how women need the love and support of women.

The Shameless Hussy by Alta. The Crossing Press Feminist Series. The Crossing Press, Trumansburg, NY 14856. \$5.95 (US) paper.

Sapphistry by Pat Califia. The Naiad Press Inc, Box 10543, Tallahassee, FL 32302. \$6.95 (US) paper.

The Cancer Journals by Audre Lorde. Spinners Ink, RD 1, Argyle, NY 12809. \$4 (US) paper.

So many men,* so little space

As there was no *TBP* last month, my pile of books is even taller than usual, my notices even briefer. Of the new crop of poetry books, the loveliest is Tom Meyer's *Sappho's Raft* (\$12.50, Inland Book Co, 22 Hemingway Ave, East Haven, CN 06512). This is a major collection by one of the most consistently fine lyric poets around. His work is always thoughtful, sensuous, new:

...returning home
from Sienna
the young man's spine
describes him
walking through July
shirtless
in jeans the color of
Chianti

Love flickers and is gone
obscured by cloud
almost
an extravagance

Dennis Cooper and James Kirkup, two of the best poets now writing in English, and both strongly gay-identified, have two new books each. Kirkup's *No More Hiroshimas* and *Ecce Homo: My Pasolini* are \$6 each from the author, BM-Box 2780, British Monomarks, London WC1N 3XX, England. Cooper's *The Missing Men* and *My*



Martin Humphries: personal lyrics

Mark are available from Little Caesar Press, 3373 Overland Ave, Apt 2, Los Angeles, CA 90034. *My Mark* is \$5; no price indicated for *The Missing Men*. Cooper's poems are highly erotic; Kirkup's (in these books) more political and declamatory.

Two books of poem sequences on gay historical figures are *The T E Lawrence Poems* by the Governor-General's Award winning Canadian poet Gwendolyn MacEwen (\$6.95, Mosaic Press, Box 1032, Oakville, ON L6J 5E9) and *The Picnic in the Snow: Ludwig of Bavaria* by the prolific Robert Peters (\$5, Bookslinger, 330 E 9th St, St Paul, MN 55101). Both are superb.

A couple of chapbooks of personal lyrics from England: Martin Humphries' *Searching for a Destination* (\$3 from the author, 10 Gascony Ave, London NW6) and J M Hoadley's *Rumour of Rebellion* (\$2.50, Druid Press, 32 Portland Rd, London W11).

Haviland Ferris and Steve Abbott are both established and accomplished gay poets. Abbott is intelligently experimental, Ferris lyrical in more traditional modes. Abbot's *Stretching the Agape Bra* (a Jonathan Williams-style title) is \$2.95 from Androgyne Press, 930 Shields, San Francisco, CA 94132). Ferris's *A Passage of Witches* is published by the Finial Press, Champaign, Illinois. No price is indicated.

The latest collaboration by poet Rich-

ard Ronan and artist Bill Rancitelli is a set of seasonal poems influenced by Chinese verse, *A Lamp of Small Sorrow: Four Fu Poems* (\$1.80, A Press, Box 206, Laguna, NM 87026). David Trinidad's first collection, *Pavane* (\$4.80, Sherwood Press, 9773 Comanche Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311) dips into mythology and dream and integrates them with personal experiences. It is interesting to compare Trinidad's poem "The Sphinx" with Oscar Wilde's of the same title, written about a century ago.

Other new poetry titles are George Mosby's *Waves That Circle Him in Stone*, a collection of prison poems (\$1.50, Greenfield Review Press, RD 1, Box 80, Greenfield Center, NY 12833), Victor Burner's *The Noblest Form*, a libretto about David and Jonathan (\$5.95, Great Western Publishing, 416 Magnolia, Glendale, CA 91204) and Mark J Ameen's *Aye, My Dear, I Worry About That* (\$3, Harmony Books, 235 East 4th St, New York, NY 10009):

Listen, I've got a lover
who is the sexiest person
I've ever known.
I love him like crazy,
I return from a double feature
to find him lounging
in black and white,
a glamour chain
round his neck
catching light,
held to by a heart
waiting for me.

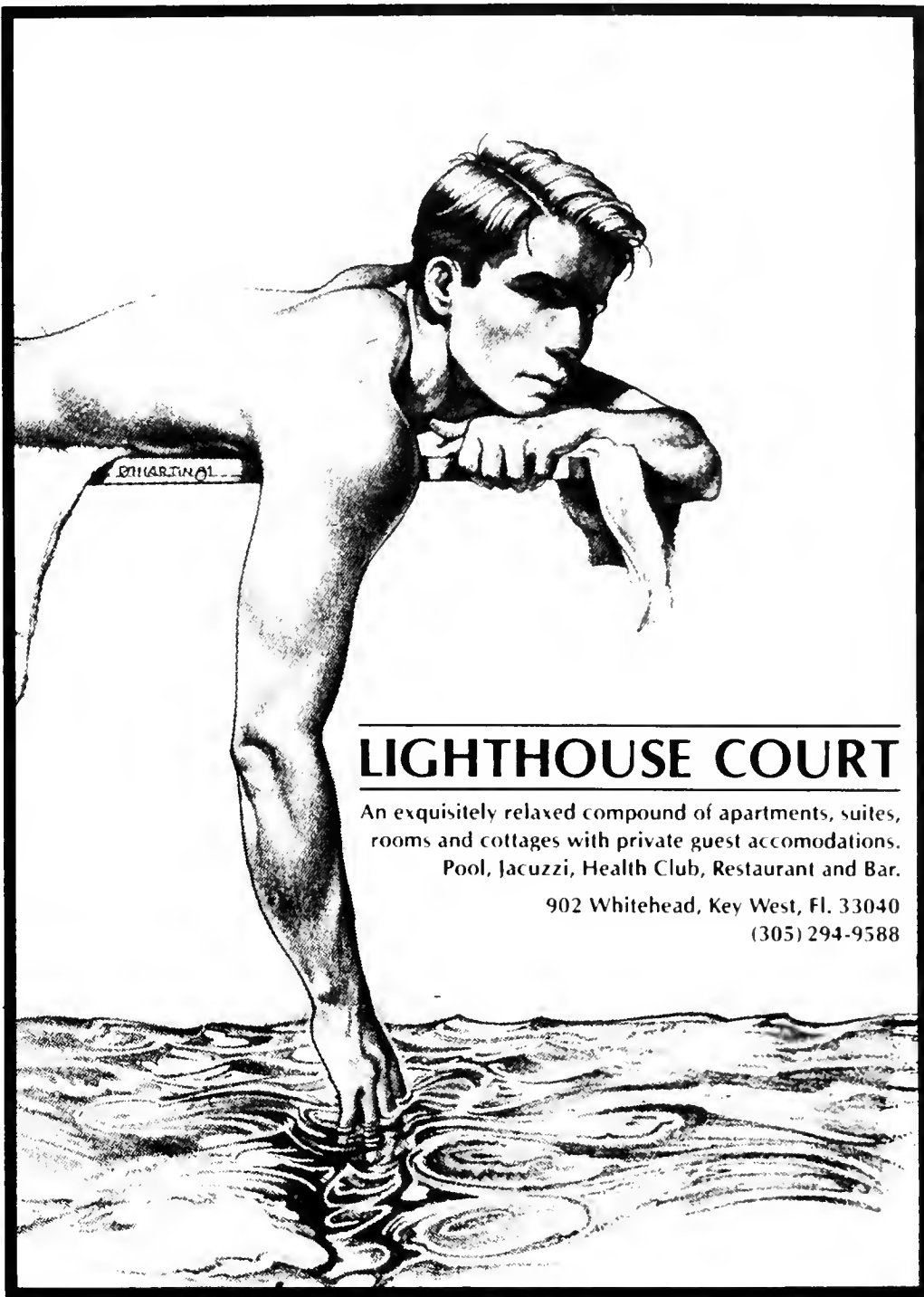
Lying there smoking, watching Dark Victory.

N A Diaman is a San Francisco writer with his own publishing company, Persona Press, which has issued two previous novels by Diaman as well as two issues of a gay fiction magazine, *Paragraph*, now apparently defunct. Diaman's first novel, *Ed Dean is Queer*, was one of a spate of Anita Bryant novels, and, though not as bad as the unbelievably odoriferous *Jason is Love*, was pretty weak. His next book, a futuristic dystopia called *The Fourth Wall*, though slight, showed considerable improvement. His new effort, *Second Crossing*, is a tale of a young man coming out while entering the literary circle in North Beach toward the end of the beat era.

One would think that an intense literary environment populated by writers like Robert Duncan, Allen Ginsberg and Jack Spicer would inspire a lively and interesting narrative, but *Second Crossing* is very dull indeed in both style and substance. In addition, Diaman adopts an annoying practice of using correct names for some of the writers he deals with, and transparent pseudonyms for others. There seems no reason for the inconsistency, which becomes especially impertinent when he attributes Jack Spicer's well-known poem *Fifteen False Propositions About God* to someone with another name!

Diaman obviously has a bit of money. If he had used this to continue publishing *Paragraph* as a much-needed vehicle for good gay fiction, he could have done literature and the gay community a useful service. Instead, he has shut his eyes and heard the shrill trumpeting of a higher calling — the publishing of his own work. What a pity. □

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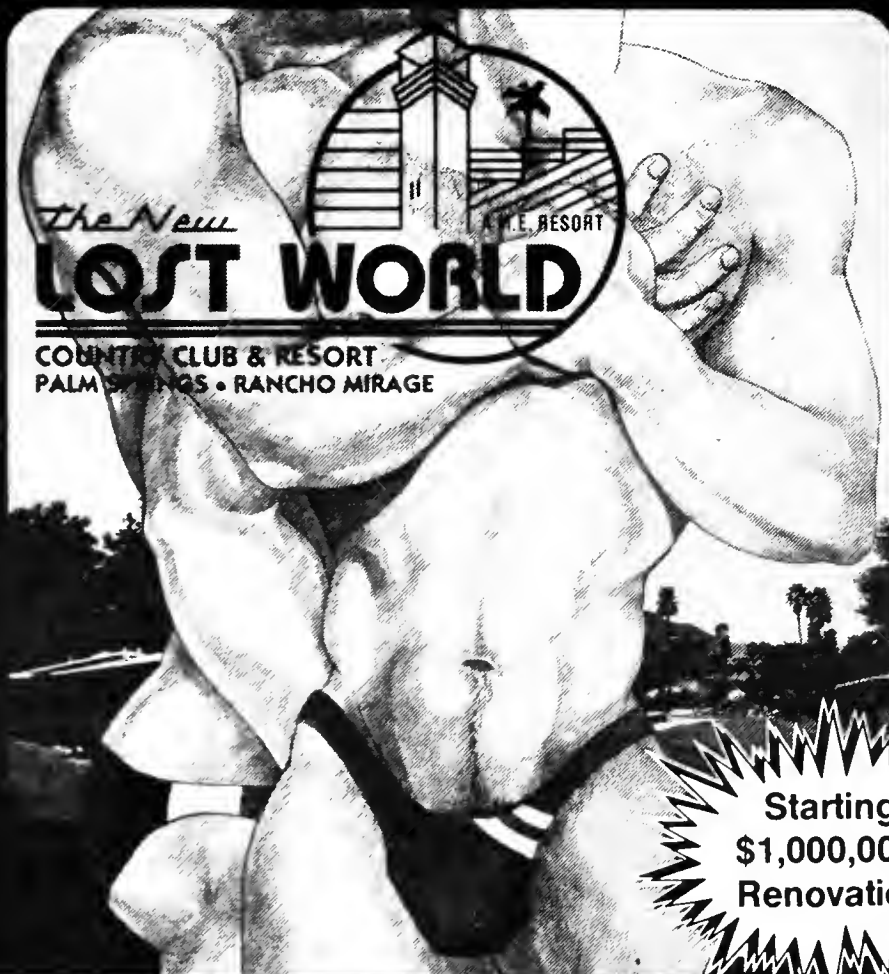
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EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL MALE, bi seeks similar bi women, men or both for pleasure and friendship. I'm reasonably attractive, 31, 5'11" 180 lbs, hairy, curly, masculine. Excited by slender, youthful partners with imagination! I'm a nonsmoker with interests in the arts, games, some sports, good food and drink. Please reply with descriptive letter and phone. Box 715, Station M, Calgary, AB T2P 2J3.

Toronto

WANTED: LESBIAN WITH Canadian citizenship to marry oriental gay male in his early 20s for convenience. Benefits negotiable. Please help me. Drawer D190.

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Montreal/Ottawa

DISCREET GWM, 35, 5'7" MOUSTACHE, seeks horny, professional male or male/female couple for pleasure over 30. Montreal/Ottawa preferred. Drawer D213.

New Brunswick

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK: gay professional male, 25, would like to meet gay female for mutual benefit and social commitments. I am and you should be slim, straight in appearance, intelligent, humorous, pleasant and discreet. You should appreciate and perhaps share my career need to maintain a straight image. Drawer D276.

Friends/female

Barrie

HELP! Is there one lesbian under the stars who would be needed, wanted and loved by me? I am middle-aged, 5'3" 125 lbs, professional, very honest, caring, sentimental and romantic. I like all nice things in life. My favourites are dancing and travel. Drawer D095.

Hamilton

ADVENTURE AND ADVERSITY? Baez and Beethoven? Career and caresses? Come explore alphabet with single GWF, 29. Write giving phone number, photo if possible. Drawer D288.

Toronto

LESBIAN, TIRED OF BARS, looking for sincere, caring female for friendship and more. I enjoy music, nature and good conversation. Have lots to offer right woman. Drawer D280.

Friends/male

International

GWM, 33, GOOD-LOOKING, 6' 165, would like to correspond with men 35 and older. Interested in photos, video and hot letters. Possible meetings, good times. Interested in gay/bi men who enjoy discreet friendship. Your photo gets mine. Jim, Box 27478, Honolulu, HI 96827, USA.

HUNG! YOUNG PUERTO RICAN stud with beautiful buns. Have letter/photo for you. Write: Box 687, New York, NY 10108, USA.

GOOD BODY, HUSKY, 60, 5'7" 175 lbs, endowed, enjoy everything man to man. Any race. Photo. Pat, Box 95, Wallawalla, WA 99362, USA.

GUY GOING TO PRAGUE in spring wants info on bars, baths, English-speaking contacts, not necessarily for sex, reasonable hotels. Drawer D284.

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CORRESPOND WITH A friendly, sincere GWM, 36. Many interests: friends, letters, travel, languages, Levis, gay lit, collections. Lonely isolation in China imminent; seeks friendly gay pen pals everywhere. All answered (really!). Box 478, North Bay, ON P1B 8J2.

HIP-BOOTED RAUNCHMAN enjoying seaside

obscurity. Hitch up your muddy hippies; cum share it with me!... Permanently! J E Coll, RFD 1, Box 839, Stockton Springs, ME 04981, USA.

National

WARM, FRIENDLY, ATTRACTIVE GWM, 5'9" 150 lbs, 30 years, professional, varied interests, fun-loving, horny, seeks friendship, correspondence and good times. Drawer D287.

GWM HOCKEY FAN, New Yorker, 32, 5'9" 145, br/br, will be visiting Vancouver (3/8), Edmonton (3/11), Calgary (3/12) to attend NY Rangers hockey games. Need game ticket and would appreciate someone (18-32) to show me around. Let's face off! Tom Hoffman, 143-40 Ash, Flushing NY 11355.

British Columbia

GWM, ATTRACTIVE, 5'8" 145 lbs, seeks GM, around my own age (29) who wants sincere friendship, possible relationship. Dislike bar, club scenes. Oh, have beard, hairy chest. Prefer active greek men. New Westminster is my home. Drawer D272.

Victoria

VICTORIA, WGM, 34, 5'9" 160 lbs wants to meet same. Vancouver Island/Victoria to Campbell River. Drawer D240.

Vancouver

SPORTS FANADDICT (soccer, hockey, football) seeks same to age 35. Discreet. Sports Fan, Box 67312, Vancouver, BC V5W 3T1.

FEMININE WM, 30, social drinker, loner, likes TV, cooking, seeks masculine men to 50 for intimate encounters. Include photo. Drawer D329.

Alberta

ATTRACTIVE GWM, 6'2" 175 lbs, 31, seeks GWM, 25-35, for sincere friendship, possible relationship. I am a non-smoker who enjoys the outdoors, music and theatre, and open to others. Your photo gets mine. Drawer D143.

FORT McMURRAY PROFESSIONAL male, 40s, seeks gays for companionship and interests in theatre, music, travel and sports. Box 5382, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 3G4.

Edmonton

EDMONTON — LONELY, MID AGE GWM, 6' 190 lbs, non-smoker, social drinker, sincere, varied interests, seeks male for friendship and/or possible relationship, younger person preferred. Free accommodations for right person. Must be clean and responsible. Photo appreciated, discretion assured. Drawer D335.

Calgary

YOUNG GWM, 24, 6' 160 lbs seeking experienced topman to train me in bondage/discipline, S/M, WS and other areas as well. I'm an eager young guy looking for a man who knows the ropes to show me the way. Long-term relationship possible but not necessary. Training under an experienced master to find and maybe expand my limits is what I seek. Drawer D201.

30 YEARS YOUNG, 6'2" 200 lbs, attractive visually and mentally, desires to meet others hoping for friendship or relationship with 100% intimacy. Let's build a future together. Photo appreciated. Drawer D264.

ORIENTAL GAY MALE, 29, 5'8" 170 lbs, seeks others for companionship. Photo appreciated. Drawer D275.

COMPANION SOUGHT BY 43-year-old Calgary businessman with varied interests. Salary negotiable. Drawer D314.

ATTRACTIVE GWM, ITALIAN, 5'6" 33, 132 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, moustache, masculine, honest, sincere, easygoing, enjoys jogging, racketball, outdoors. Would like to hear from same to 29 if you are interested in developing a friendship possibly leading to a relationship. Reply boxholder, Box 6477, Station D, Calgary, AB T2P 2E1.

Manitoba

BODYBUILDER, WELL-ENDOWED, 30, blue-eyed, good-looking (what more can you ask?) wants to meet other bodybuilders. Discretion essential. Drawer C657.

Saskatchewan

LOOKING FOR FRIEND/LOVER. Is there someone out there who still believes in simple love and affection? I'm 42, tall, dark and considered good-looking, beard and moustache. My sexual tastes are quite conventional, not into bondage or S/M. Love to cuddle. Will answer all, I live in the Saskatoon area. Drawer D263.

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN-AREA male, 39, 5'8" 130 lbs, left-leaning and fitness seeks a man 25 to 50 for the long and secure relationship. Drawer D307.

Northern Ontario

TALL, SLIM, ATTRACTIVE married bisexual male, mid 40s, interested in horseriding, arts, sailing, travel and business, seeks similar for mutually satisfying, confidential, long-term relationship. Drawer D251.

HANDSOME SUDBURIAN, 35, seeks quiet and

caring younger male for discreet and intimate companionship. Drawer D295.

Southern Ontario

IS THERE ANY gay man in Chatham? Mutual discretion, honesty, friendship desired. Healthy, warm, intelligent, proud to be gay required. Drawer D136.

WINDSOR AREA PROFESSIONAL GWM, 28, rock, buzz, 18-30, cinema, high-tech, calm, not neurotic, 5'10" well-read, travel, au bou! De la région montréalaise. Drawer D225.

YOUNG KITCHENER GWM seeks young black or Asian male for a possible friendship or relationship. I'm 5'8" 140 lbs and have brown eyes and hair. My interests include most sports, good novels, movies and music. If you're a young black or Asian male in search of that "someone special," why not write? Photo and long letter appreciated. Drawer D232.

MUSCULAR, GOOD-LOOKING MALE, 21, London, Ontario, pleasant and hot, searching for another male to be "good" to him. No kinky stuff. Reply drawer D227.

GWM, 29, LOOKING for adventure in the Beachville-Woodstock area. Seeking dominant topman. Send letter and photo. Box 246, Beachville, ON.

GAY CHRISTIAN, 53, 5'7" 185 lbs, seeks young son type to love and share good times. Prefer clean-shaven, slim, good endowment. Write with phone. Photo brings fast reply. Box 4443, Station C, London, ON N5W 5J2.

YOUNG STRATFORD GWM, 5'9" slim, blond, masculine, considerate, discreet, seeks slender, sensitive young guy with little body hair. I'm into active greek, spanking and soixante-neuf. Photo, phone, erotic letter will ensure quick reply. Drawer D283.

WATERLOO. FRENCHERS WHO don't need reciprocity but appreciate man with clean body, long, thick tool, loves to be sucked. You need me. My place or yours. Age, looks unimportant if you're an expert. Drawer D282.

KITCHENER. ME: GOOD-LOOKING, young, GWM, moody, emotional, animal lover, bottom, loving, caring, straight-looking. You: young, GWM, animal lover, top, honest. Please reply with long letter, address and photo if possible. My name: Trojan. Drawer D281.

DISCREET MARRIED MAN, 34, 5'8" 165 lbs, plain-looking, seeks same to share sessions with. Prefer butch types in jeans and black leather bike jackets. Nothing kinky, but hot, masculine leather-sex. Black leather biker gloves turn me on too. Frank, detailed letter. Sincere only. Box 3463, Cambridge, ON N3H 5C6.

WANTED: YOUNG MASCULINE males London, Ontario area to play with, oral satisfaction, by 51-year-old nice guy. Drawer D271.

GAY WHITE MALE, early 20s, wishes to make friends from all over. Good-looking and ready for anything except pain. Prefer hung greek actives, London, Chatham, Windsor area or pen pals. Frank letter, phone, photo if possible. Drawer D285.

TWO GAY HOOSIERS living in Ontario seek same for... we haven't figured out what yet, but if "the gleaming candlelight / still shining bright / through the sycamores" still affects you deeply, maybe you can tell us. All Hoosierly replies answered in kind. Drawer D267.

WHITE MALE RUBBER SLAVE seeks others with same interest. I like dressing in rubber boots, briefs, harness. Also JO, B + C torture, S/M, B&D, making home VHS movies (have equipment). Send descriptive letter, phone number, photo if you like same things. Discretion assured. Jim. Drawer D290.

WELL-BUILT MASCULINE young guys to 25 wanted, to be played with, orally satisfied, treated royally, total confidence, by 50-year-old good guy. Pen pals wanted from anywhere. Drawer D298.

ANY GAY MALE seeking companionship and intimacy with no strings attached seeks what I do. I am 28, trim, friendly and sensual. I travel a lot and will come to you. Age or race no barrier. Orientals most welcome. Discretion assured, all replies answered. Send photo if possible. Reply to Box 1044, Station Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2P2. Hamilton to London and in between.

NIAGARA PENINSULA AREA, professional discreet gay white male, 35, 6' 160 lbs, affectionate, good-looking, sincere, masculine guy. Enjoys travel, cycling, skiing, dining, movies, concerts, sex, life. Dislikes typical gay scene. Wants companion, preferably under 30, slim, to enjoy and share in these pursuits, perhaps building a relationship. Photo if possible. Drawer D328.

GAY CHRISTIAN ORDAINED seeks serious friend for lasting one-to-one relation. I like to be called "Dad." Could help relocate. Prefer 20 to 33, clean and honest. Phone and photo a must. All answered. Box 4443, Station C, London, ON N5W 1H5.

GWM, TALL, DARK, attractive grad student. Looking for, at the least, a deep friendship. Intelligent, often quiet, serious, but not without a sense of humour, affectionate, motivated, well-read; qualities I believe I have and also appreciate. I need someone dependable to both share the day's ups and downs with as well as to occasionally paint the town red. Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge area. Sincere reply appreciated, answered. Drawer D308.

Toronto

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HOT, HUNG MASTER, 29, 6' 165 lbs seeks slave for any fantasy scene. Enjoy denim, jocks, dominance and watersports. Drawer D196.

GWM, 32, HUSKY seeks wrestling and exercise buddy to improve fitness. Write with your plan for sport and fun. Include phone number. Drawer D198.

HOW DO YOU like your man? Tall, dark and good-looking? That's me. Into bodybuilding too. Interested in corresponding and photo exchanges. Replies with photos answered first. Box 277, Station K, Toronto, ON.

YOUNG MALE, 21, 6'4" 175 lbs loves sucking and being sucked, hot sex. Seeks same for fun. Photo if possible. Drawer D202.

GWM, 36, PROFESSIONAL, 190 lbs, 6'5" well-endowed seeks young man over 21 into spanking or whatever. Discretion assured and requested. Drawer D191.

PART-TIME ARTIST, CHINESE, 35, 6' seeks educated man, age 25-45, for long-term friendship. Prefer tall guy. Photo please. Drawer D193.

SINCERE, ROMANTIC MALE, 39, 5'10" blue eyes, trim beard, average weight, looks. Would like to take it slow and steady toward a committed relationship with a younger, muscular man who is intelligent, mature and has a sense of humour. I could get into light (dominant) B&D. But respect and caring are much more important. If you think as I do, a detailed letter and photo would be welcomed. Drawer D254.

GOOD-LOOKING MALE, 5'10" blond hair, blue eyes, 150 lbs, 27 years old, looking for well-endowed guys preferably for afternoon or evening get-togethers. Discretion assured. Drawer D252.

JUST FOR SOMETHING completely different? I love bondage, having my balls pulled (etc!), being "forced" (french or greek). (No heavy S/M, WS) but not by "Drum" Machos — O No! Any skinny "sissies" (fem welcome, not essential; prefer 21 to 36) out there who drool to play Rough Stud (have me beg you not to — first; then beg you to!)? I'm your chance (early 30s; thin but masculine). Your phone, please. Drawer D258.

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ATTRACTIVE MALE, 38, seeks buddy friend to see on regular basis and spend time with. Interests include theatre, arts, dogs, skiing. Photo if possible and phone number to drawer D256.

DRAWER D174. I received some wonderful replies to my ad. Thank you. I present my sincere apologies for not replying. Two days after placing it, after many months alone, I met someone very beautiful.

BLACK MALE, 24, seeks male companion. Prefer flight attendants or professional male. Reply Box 311, Station B, Toronto, ON M5T 2W2.

ATTRACTIVE GWM, 31, 5'4" 110 lbs, blue eyes, red hair and moustache, wheelchair-bound with cerebral palsy, seeks sexual relief. T-room voyeur. Prefer slim, smooth guys my age or under, but others answered. Reply with phone. Scott. Drawer D286.

SEXY, ATHLETIC MALE into bodybuilding, swimmers, well-hung men. Toronto and surrounding area. Photo a must. Box 926, Station K, Toronto, ON M4P 2H2.

GWM BUSINESSMAN, 32, 5'6" looking for friends, companions, and possible lover to age 28. Considered masculine, good-looking, generous, and considerate of others. Discretion assured and expected. Phone and photo if possible. Drawer D279.

VERY ATTRACTIVE, WELL-BUILT, masculine, blue-eyed blond couple, 28 & 30, seek horny, younger male or couple for discreet fun get-togethers. Inexperienced or bi welcome. Drawer D343.

DISAPPOINTED with answering an ad? Not this time. Truly goodlooking 28, 5'10", 150 lbs. Well-built, well-endowed, athletic, non-bar type, seeking attractive males under 24 for discreet, safe, erotic experiences. Drawer D344.

GWM, 32, PROFESSIONAL, passionate, affectionate, seeks older male 35-49, good-looking, interesting, educated. Socially and sexually active. Various interests, possible relationship. Drawer D278.

MALE, EARLY 40s, NON-SMOKER, looking for friendship and the nourishment that comes from sharing feelings and ideas. Am open-minded. Welcome replies from active, masculine males of all races, singles/couples. Let's communicate. Drawer D268.

WHITE MALE, 40s, MASCULINE, seeks affectionate, greek passive, black lover. Drawer D088.

30-YEAR-OLD EUROPEAN, 511" 170 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, wants to meet hunky, sexy and butch blacks and East Indians. Evenings 762-8658.

HUNG, ATTRACTIVE BLOND, 27, 5'6" slim build, into JO, greek active, seeks slender guys to 34 with hot ass. Photo if possible. Drawer D243.

ATTRACTIVE, MASCULINE GWM, 41, 5'10" 160 lbs would like to meet interesting men for good times and possible relationship. I'm an affectionate professional person with varied interests. Will answer all, please include phone number. Drawer D247.

On Wednesday, March 30, 1983, I'm hosting a Pot Luck 2nd Seder. It's Passover, a time to remember that liberation is an ongoing present process. If you're Jewish and lesbian/gay (or a lover of such a person), please join me.

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LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED, dominant topman into bondage, toys, light S/M, watersports, inventive ass work, any race. I am attractive, slim, 39. Photo and phone appreciated. Drawer D246.

LOOKING FOR MASTERS under 35. Am 21, 5'10" 150 lbs, Asian origin. Into B&D, pain, humiliations, etc. Photo appreciated. Drawer D231.

MALE, 36, VERY SUBMISSIVE, into S/M, B&D, WS and boot-licking, digs kinky sex. Always willing to please. Drawer D269.

HAIRY MALE, 38, 5'9" 155 lbs, seeks horny dark-haired cowboy or Latin for occasional encounter. All letters receive reply, and all photographs returned. Drawer D266.

GREEK? — HERAKLITOS. FRENCH? — Impressionism. (Bach and Blake, not baths and bars.) Closets? For clothes and old boxes (only). Clones? "Once you've fucked one, you've..." (Twining's yes; tearooms no.) WS? — William Shakespeare (nothing else!). (Poetry, not poppers. "SM" is the abbreviation for "manuscript" backwards.) BB? Surely, "brains 'n' brilliance." Parks? Definitely; one meets so few butterflies and flowers in the city otherwise. (What? Anti-sex? Heavens, no! Perish the thought; I adore it!) Drawer D265.

VERY ATTRACTIVE GWM, 32, 6'1" dark hair/moustache. Masculine, stable, professional, affectionate, caring, would like to meet same. Must have positive outlook on life. Bars should not be your only recreation. Friendship or possible long-term relationship with right person. Drawer D273.

BI WM, PROFESSIONAL SWIMMER'S BODY, 40s, complex (interests range from orchidist to equestrian riding), intelligent, sensitive, sophisticated and handle this kooky world better than most. I'm in neutral, looking to be put in drive by good-looking, creative, straight-appearing younger male protégé in sports and/or arts field from central Toronto or Manhattan for intensely cerebral, excessively sensuous and romantic relationship involving travel and city and country life. Photo and phone assures reply. Drawer D274.

MASTER, 32, ATTRACTIVE, seeks attractive, uninhibited slave under 35 for long-term relationship. Photo, phone and descriptive letter. Drawer D293.

WHITE MALE, LATE 30s, masculine, clean, heavy build with large, fat bottom wants to receive traditional spanking from father-figure type over 45. Oral service a possibility. Discretion expected and assured. Drawer D294.

BEAU QUÉBÉCOIS, YEUX bleus, 5'7" 140 lbs, bien fait, viril, sérieux, amusant, romantique. Lettre, photo. Salut. Drawer D296.

ATTRACTIVE YOUNG MALE, 22, 5'10" 150 lbs, would like to meet masculine hairy men for lots of good times! Photo and phone appreciated. Drawer D300.

LET'S BE FRIENDS! A 20-year-old professional businessman is looking for a friend who'll really care. I'm attractive, although overweight. If this doesn't bother you, then let's be friends. I hope you enjoy theatre, music of all kinds and intimate settings. Beware! I tend to be "preppy." Write Gregg if you're the friend I seek. Drawer D301.

DAYTIME ENCOUNTERS WANTED by 35-year-old GWM, 6'2" 190 lbs, hairy body, looking for younger, hairy man. No romance please, just a good time, no questions asked. Into everything, FF OK.

Please reply with way to contact to drawer D291.

FAREWELL TO EDMONTON. I'm leaving the land of oil and money for Toronto in early summer. Would like to start friendship with Toronto gay(s) so I'll at least have someone I know, at least a little, at least, when I arrive. David (that's me) is a GWM, an artist, somewhat eccentric, "cute," 25, intelligent, politically conscious (if not always politically correct), interested in post-modernism, feminism, movies, "new wave" and classical music, microcomputers, dancing and other things too. If I sound like someone you might want to know, let me know. 32 cents is not a lot of money. Drawer D302.

CLEAN-CUT, 24, GWM, 5'11" 160 lbs. I don't like the bar scene and cruising is too dangerous. I'd like to make a friend who likes fun times, but also quiet times at home. If you are mature, and close to my age, please write. Photos are appreciated. Drawer D303.

YOUNG 45, LIKES 69, has many afternoons and odd evenings to meet friends with the same likes and interests. Likes country music, non-smoker and drinker, would like to meet men any age or colour for fun and general relaxing get-togethers. Photo and phone appreciated, will return when we meet. Reply Box 144, Station Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2L7.

TALL, TRIM, ESTABLISHED professional, 40s, likes movies, concerts, opera, theatre, needs intelligent friends, companions, lover. Sexually uninhibited and open to adventure, but no S/M, WS, FF, etc. Reply with phone number if possible. Drawer D215.

YOUNG ATTRACTIVE ORIENTAL male, 20, university student, seeks sincere GWM for friendship and possible relationship. Phone and photo appreciated. Drawer D218.

AMBITIOUS, FUN MALE, who enjoys roller-skating, auctions, flea markets, old clothes (collecting and swapping) etc, anxiously seeks friend with similar interests. Darryl 922-8484.

TOTALLY INEXPERIENCED GWM, 26, 5'8" 145 lbs, honest, intelligent and good-looking with a beard and a hairy chest, seeks clean-shaven smooth, boyish types to 25 to learn how great gay sex can be. Let's fantasize and experiment together. Photo and phone appreciated. Fred, 55 McCaul St, Box 236, Toronto.

GWM, 27, 5'10" 155 lbs, blond and bearded, great legs! Not sick of bars but sick of tricks who turn out to be jerks. I do everything to excess: smoke, drink, sleep, talk, party and squander money. I am resolved to find a large, hairy man to bring some order into my life. Sense of humour essential! Phone number. Drawer D306.

WHITE, 26, 6'4" 185 lbs, well-hung, built, masculine, attractive male seeks extremely well-hung, (ie enormous) masculine, clean male for good time and possible friendship. Phone number and explicit photo gets reply. Drawer D305.

ATTRACTIVE ASIAN MALE, 28, 5'7" 130 lbs, moustache, intelligent, sensitive. Would like to meet masculine types for fun and friendship. Photo and phone appreciated. Discretion assured. Drawer D320.

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VERY ATTRACTIVE, CLEAN male bi-model, 5'11" 35, 160 lbs, brown eyes and hair, very understanding. Wishes to entertain the mature and financially secure. Let me be your plaything for a weekend or evening. Total discretion assured. Write to Ben, drawer D333.

ARE YOU A friendly, attractive guy into JO? I'm 6' slim, mid 30s, discreet, not unattractive. If you're tall, slim, with a smooth chest, so much the better. Photo appreciated but not required. Drawer D332.

GWM, 21, 125 lbs, 5'9" brown hair, eyes, moustache. Who has lost in love that promised happiness. Seeks a warm, loving, caring, dominant man, 25-35 who enjoys theatre, camping, etc. I'm a level-headed individual who is professionally employed. Basically I'm down to earth. I'm looking for that special person for a lover relationship to make my life happy once again. Photo is not necessary. Just a descriptive letter. Drawer D331.

ATTRACTIVE ORIENTAL, 26, straight-mannered, seeks virile, masculine male for occasional discreet meetings. Hunky, hung, moustachioed clone, athletic topman, couple, bi, mildly kinky, 21-45, white, black, all welcome. Phone, details essential. Photo if possible. Box 113, Station B, Toronto, ON M5T 2T3.

GWM, 23, 5'7" brown hair, eyes, slim, considered very handsome, seeks stable, intelligent male 23-35 for relationship. I'm a sensitive and understanding person with many varied interests: literature, music, sports, politics, travelling, good times. Reply with phone number; photo appreciated. Drawer D318.

YOU I'M LOOKING FOR. Need to feel you in my arms. GWM, 39, 145 lbs. Same. Toronto, London, Windsor. Friendship. Let's hit it on, lasting, now! Drawer D317.

GWM SEEKING SLIM top men to 35 for morning-/afternoon fun times. Frank letters okay. Not looking for relationship. Not into games. I'm 5'7" blond, bearded, trim, 28" waist, not feminine, french active, JO, uninhibited. Photo gets mine, but all answered. Blacks welcomed. Please write: boxholder, 577 Burnhamthorpe Road, Box 104, Etobicoke, ON M9C 4V2.

GWM, 31, GOOD-LOOKING, intelligent, 5'10" 135 lbs, very uninhibited, likes bridge, windsurfing, X-country skiing, travel, etc, would like to meet friends, 25 to 40, possible long-term relationship with right person. Drawer D316.

GWM, PROFESSIONAL, 38, 6' 185 lbs, considered very attractive, seeks another masculine attractive guy any age for very discreet relationship. Am patient, understanding, sensitive. Am versatile but all the better, you to be french active, greek passive. Married, bi okay. Love music, outdoors, travel, quiet relaxed evenings. Prefer Willowdale, Thornhill area but elsewhere okay. Letter with photo receives immediate reply. Absolute discretion assured and expected. Drawer D315.

GWM, LIVING IN Vancouver would like to hear from young gay Chinese guys in Toronto area. I am 30, good-looking, muscular body, masculine. Drawer D313.

GWM, 26, 6'4" 190lbs, black hair, brown eyes, moustache, good humour and outlook on life with hobbies from music, cooking, looking for possible relationship. From ages 23 to 36. I am straight-acting and -looking. Will answer if you respond. Drawer D312.

WHITE MASCULINE MALE, 56, 6' 160 lbs to meet young male to 30, smooth skin or little body hair preferred. Race and endowment not important. Fems welcome. Also pen pals. Drawer D311.

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WANTED: GOOD-LOOKING, HOT, hung man to 35 who likes french active/passive and more by nice-looking man, 28, 5'9" 140 lbs with nice build for hot times or/and sincere, mutually loving and giving long-term relationship. Phone, photo, letter please. Drawer D330.

SINCERE MALE COLLEGE student seeks sensitive, "down to earth" type men to 40 who enjoy music, movies, cooking and quiet evenings conversing. I'm an honest, affectionate person with curly brown hair/eyes, 5'9" 155 lbs. Please send detailed letter with phone number. Discretion assured. PS—I love smiles! Drawer D327.

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HOT, HUNG, SUBMISSIVE gay male, 38, 6'1" 190 lbs, seeks butch/masters for any fantasy scene. Enjoy denim, jocks, dominance and watersports. Write with photo to Suite 030-240, 61 Front St W, Toronto, ON M5J 1E6.

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MASCUINE MALE, 30, sincere, discreet, dominant, seeks young masculine male for friendship and mild discipline. Box 22, Oshawa, ON L1H 7K8.

ATTRACTIVE, VERY MUSCULAR male, 28, seeks others who like to give and receive affection; with the possibility of friendship and/or relationship. My interests include movies, theatre, literature, good conversation, meditation, dancing, bodybuilding, wrestling, hugging, and cuddling. Drawer D337.

TALL, ATTRACTIVE, 23-year-old seeks new friends and lovers. Shy at first but I blossom like a rose quickly. I love movies, shopping, music, travel or just staying home watching TV. Into JO, greek active, hot sex. Let's get together and enjoy. Drawer D336.

MALE, 47, SENSITIVE, INTELLIGENT, warm, enjoys people, music, conversation, sex. Seeks friend 30-70, similar interests, any race. Phone number requested. Drawer D334.

MALE EXECUTIVE, 39, ATTRACTIVE, masculine, WASP, looking for an intelligent, attractive, masculine male to care about. All replies answered. Jason. Drawer D340.

PROFESSIONAL, 33, BROWN HAIR and eyes, good-looking, 5'7" 135 lbs, own apartment, seeks masculine guys 20-30 to be friends and bedmates. Love sucking and being sucked, always horny, and willing to please. Prefer guys of average height, athletic build, blond hair, and blue eyes. Interested in outdoors, movies, travel, history, business. Discretion requested and assured. Drawer D339.

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GWM, 30, NOT COMPLETELY out of closet would like letters of encouragement and advice. Not sure of terminology I read in ads, eg, greek A/P, french A/P etc. Let me know someone cares. Would appreciate photos, nude, sensual or intriguing. Love to receive photo from bodybuilder or model. First-ever ad, please don't disappoint me. Drawer D299.

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Quebec

GAY WHITE MAN, 34 years, bearded, brown hair, blue eyes, in good shape, seeks proud, masculine, moustached or bearded, collar-length hair, dark, 21 years to 35 years with good body. I am into sensitivity, fantasy play, role-switching, bondage, light S/M. Enjoy getting you to the height of ecstasy. Reply to Tenant, Apt 209, 1550 Panama, Brossard, Quebec or phone 514-672-7003.

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GWM, BLUE EYES, BLOND, well-carved, 24, 5'5" 126 lbs, attractive, intelligent and versatile. Seeking honest young student or responsible decent person with built body 18-30. Write about yourself, picture appreciated. Confidence assured. Drawer D140.

HUSKY MAN, 23, 6'1" 190 lbs, auburn hair, green

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SINCERE MALE, 27, 6' 150 lbs, hates bars and has quiet lifestyle, hoping for a serious, romantic relationship with a masculine male, age 21 to 30. Write to me, giving hobbies, interests and address and/or phone number. Photo a must, but discretion absolutely assured. Drawer D262.

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AGE 26, 5'8" brown eyes. Advocate in criminal and civil litigation. Likes reading, writing, music. Basic need for meaningful relationship. Stevie W Knight, 152172, Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699 0001, USA.

I'M A GWM, 21, looking for someone to share my interests, thoughts and other things with. Please write, I'll answer all. Johnny Adams, 103912, Box 97, McAlester, OK 74501, USA.

I'M A LONELY 21-year-old bisexual awaiting someone to hear and feel my echoes of loneliness and my heartbeats of love. I am in need of real associates. Please write: Stacey Sellers, 154-344, Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699-0001, USA.

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PRISONER, 28, incarcerated for 3 years, requests correspondence with sincere people. Help relieve the loneliness I've been experiencing at mail call. Derek A Johnson, 157-691, Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699-0001, USA.

26 YEARS, WM, 5'9" 150 lbs, hazel eyes, blond hair, very lonely. Edward Risner, 163-401, Lucasville, OH 45699-0001, USA.

GWM, 23, 6'1" 185 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, very open-minded, masculine, athletic body, bodybuilder. L D Smith, 97484, Box 97, McAlester, OK 74501, USA.

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J. THANK YOU for twelve months of passion, Jane Oliver, Sweeney Todd, cats, lust, wine racks, Naipaul, Ford, the Rajah Sahib, General Tso, Haagen Dazs, Scarsdale, furtiveness, planning to plan the plan, certain unwelcome visitors, Arthur(?), the hall, Mayan ruins, battling airlines, gaps, the novel, laying carpet, and above all, love and laughter. Let's go for a zillion more. Happy anniversary. R.

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Groups

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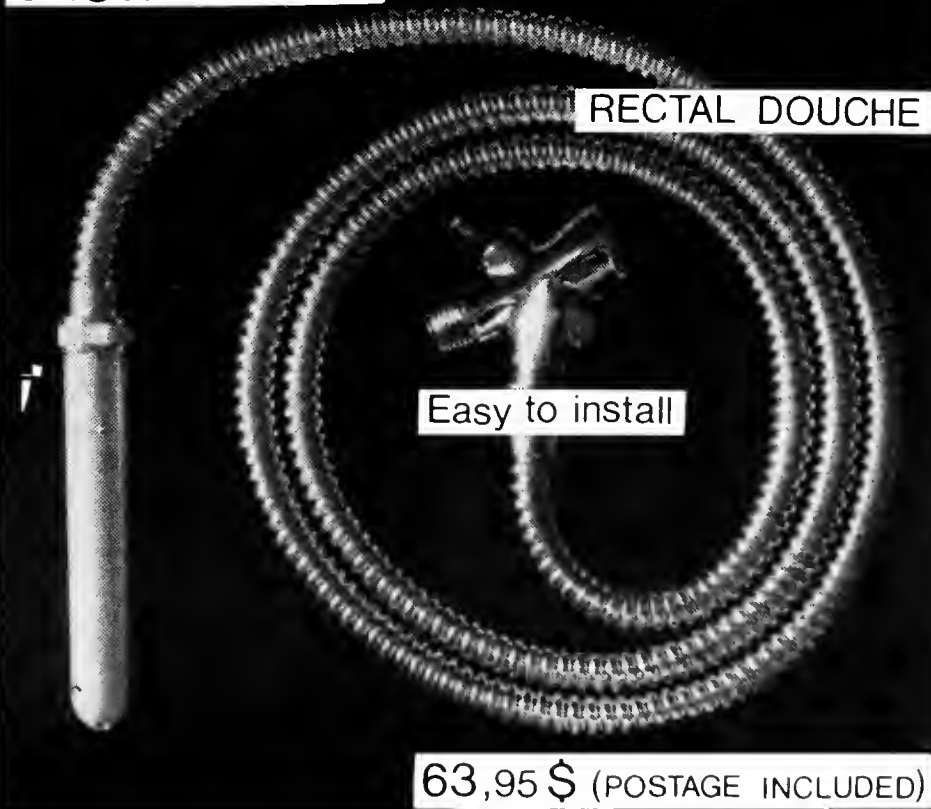
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NATIONAL/BINATIONAL

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- ☐ **Atlantic Lesbian and Gay Association/Association des Lesbien-nes et des gais de l'Atlantique**, contact GAE (Halifax), FLAG (Fredericton) or Northern Lambda Nord (Western NB).
- ☐ **Canadian Gay Archives**, Box 639, Stn A, Toronto, ON M5W 1G2 (416) 977-6320
- ☐ **Dignity/Canada/Dignité**, Box 1912, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3R2, (204) 772-4322
- ☐ **Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Transsexuals**, Box 291, Stn A, Hamilton, ON L8N 3C8, (416) 529-7884 Central: Box 2666, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4B3 SW Ontario Ms R M Schwartzentruber, 21 Cherry St, Kitchener, ON N2G 2C5, 576-5248
- ☐ **Integrity (Gay Anglicans and their Friends)**, Canadian regional representative, c/o Integrity/Edmonton
- ☐ **International Gay Association**, Secretariat, c/o CHLR, Box 931, Dublin 4, Ireland International Lesbian Information Secretariat, NVIH-COC, Frederiksplein 14, 1017 XM, Amsterdam, Netherlands, ph. 234596/231192, International Co-ordination & Information Centre on Religion, Box 1, Cork, Ireland, ph. 021-505394
- ☐ **Ligo de Samseksamaj Geesperantistoj**, gay Esperanto organiza-tion, 100 Crerar Ave. Ottawa, ON K1Z 7P2
- ☐ **New Democratic Party Gay Caucus**, Box 792, Stn F, Toronto, ON M4Y 2N7
- ☐ **Section on Gay and Lesbian Issues in Psychology**, c/o Gary McDonald, Dept of Psychology, U of Windsor, N9A 3P4
- ☐ **Women's Archives**, Box 928, Stn Q, Toronto, ON M4T 2P1

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Provincial

- ☐ **Gays and Lesbians in the United Church in BC**, Box 46586, Stn G, Vancouver V6R 4G8 (604) 734-5355 Support group and edu-cational resources
- ☐ **Rural Lesbian Association**, RR 1, Ruskin, BC V0N 1R0.

Kamloops

- ☐ **Thompson Area Gay Group**, Box 3343, V2C 6B9 welcomes women and men to regular meetings, discussions, social events. Info, newsletter, peer support, friendship.

Kelowna

- ☐ **Okanagan Gay Organization**, Box 1165, Stn A, Kelowna V1Y 7P8 Mutual support. The group can be contacted directly by phone through the Kelowna Crisis Centre

Prince Rupert

- ☐ **Gay People of Prince Rupert**, Box 881, V8J 3Y1 (604) 624-4982 (eve)

Revelstoke

- ☐ **Lothlorien**, Box 2054, V0E 2S0 Info, friendship, hospitality

Terrace

- ☐ **Northern Lesbians**, RR 2, Box 50, Usk Store, V8G 3Z9.

Vancouver

- ☐ **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gay)**, 733-4590 (men), 929-2585 (women)
- ☐ **Archives Collective**, Box 3130, MP0, V6B 3X6.
- ☐ **Bisexual Women's Group** Monthly meetings. Write Crystal, 3085 Charles St, V5K 3B6, or call Georgia at (604) 874-1756 or Joyce at 251-6090.
- ☐ **Coming Out (Gay Radio)**, c/o Vancouver Cooperative Radio, 337 Carrall St, V6B 2J4 Thurs at 6:30 pm, 102.7 MHz FM.
- ☐ **Congregation Sha'ar Hayam**, Jewish gay synagogue, Box 69406, V5K 4W6 (604) 255-1076
- ☐ **Daughters Unlimited**, Joyce (604) 251-6090, or Elisa, Doris or Christine (604) 254-7044 (Plans to open a women's club.)
- ☐ **Dignity/Vancouver**, Box 3016, V6B 3X5 (604) 684-7810.
- ☐ **Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the BC NDP**, (604) 669-5434
- ☐ **Gayblevision**, TV show by gay people about gay life, culture and art Regular monthly and special programmes 837 Bidwell St, V6G 2J7 (604) 689-5661
- ☐ **Gay/Lesbian Law Association**, Faculty of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- ☐ **Gay and Lesbian People of Simon Fraser University**, c/o SFU Student Society, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby V5A 1S6 (604) 291-3181 or 291-4539
- ☐ **Gay Festival Society** Box 34397, Stn D, V6J 4P3 (604) 687-7129
- ☐ **Gay/Lesbian Law Association**, c/o Law Students Assoc, Faculty of Law, U of BC, V6T 1W5 (604) 228-4638
- ☐ **Gay Rights Union** Box 3130, MP0, V6B 3X6 (604) 731-9605
- ☐ **Gays and Lesbians of UBC**, Box 9, Student Union Bldg, U of British Columbia V6T 1W5 (604) 228-4638 Meets Thurs at 12:30 pm (see "The Ubysey" for room)
- ☐ **Integrity: Gay Anglicans and their friends** Box 34161, Stn D, V6J 4N1 (604) 873-2925
- ☐ **Knights of Malta**, Dogwood Chapter Society Box 336-810 West Broadway V5Z 1J8
- ☐ **Lambda (Gay Al-Anon)** Joe at (604) 689-7681 or Mike at 327-8423
- ☐ **Legal Advice Clinic**, 1244 Seymour St (VGCC) Mon, 7:30 pm. Free advice and referrals
- ☐ **Lesbian and Feminist Mothers' Political Action Group** Box 65804, Stn F, V5N 5L3 (604) 251-6090
- ☐ **Lesbian and Gay Health Sciences Association** c/o Gay People of UBC Box 9 Student Union Bldg UBC, V6T 1W5
- ☐ **Lesbian Drop-In** 322 W Hastings, every Wed, 7:30 pm (604) 684-0523
- ☐ **Lesbian Information Line** (604) 734-1016 Thurs Sun, 7-10 pm
- ☐ **Lesbian Mothers' Defense Fund** c/o 1146 Commercial Dr V5L 3X2 (604) 251-5034 Potluck brunches last Sun of month
- ☐ **The Lesbian Show** Co-op Radio 337 Carrall St, V6B 2J4 102.7 MHz FM Thurs 7:30 pm
- ☐ **Metropolitan Community Church** Box 5178, V6B 4B2 (604) 681-8525 Services Sun 7:30 pm, at 1811 West 16th Ave (at Burrard)
- ☐ **Parents and Friends of Gays**, (604) 987-6027 or 988-7786

- ☐ **Rights of Lesbians**, (Subcommittee of Federation of Women), Box 24687, Stn C, V5T 4E6.
- ☐ **Rob Joyce Legal Defense Fund**, c/o Gay Rights Union.
- ☐ **SEARCH**, c/o VGCC Info and counselling (604) 689-1039, 7-10 pm.
- ☐ **Sherwood Forest**, non-profit gay introduction service. (604) 251-2789
- ☐ **Vancouver VO Clinic**, Rm 100, 828 W 10th Ave (near Gen Hosp), (604) 874-2331, Ext 220.
- ☐ **Vancouver Gay Community Centre**, 1244 Seymour St, Box 2259, MP0, V6B 3W2 (604) 684-6869 Services, programs, magazine
- ☐ **Vancouver Men's Chorus**, Box 48383, Rentall Centre, V7X 1A1. Ron at (604) 985-5808 or Larry at (604) 669-6249.
- ☐ **Women in Focus**, 204-456 W Broadway, V5Y 1R3, (604) 872-2250
- ☐ **Young Gay People**, c/o SEARCH
- ☐ **Younger Lesbian Drop-In** every Tues, 7-9 pm, at Women's Book-store, 322 W Hastings
- ☐ **Zodiac Fraternal Society**, Box 33872, Stn D, V6J 4L6.

Victoria

- ☐ **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gay)**, (604) 383-9862.
- ☐ **Feminist Lesbian Action Group**, Box 1604, Stn E, V8W 2X7.
- ☐ **Gay Men's Group**, 2612 Victor St, V8R 1N3, (604) 595-6782.
- ☐ **The Island Gay Community Centre Society**, 1318 Balmoral Rd, V8R 1L7 Gay Café at 1923 Fernwood every Thurs till midnight, and bowling, self-defence classes, volleyball and swimming
- ☐ **Need (Victoria Crisis Line)**, (604) 383-6323, 24 hrs. Some gay info available.
- ☐ **University of Victoria Gay Focus Club**, Student Union Bldg, U of Victoria, Box 1700, V8W 2Y2.
- ☐ **Womyn's Collee House**, 1923 Fernwood Every Wed evening

ALBERTA

Provincial

- ☐ **Alberta Lesbian and Gay Rights Association (ALGRA)**, Box 1852, Edmonton T5J 2P2.

Calgary

- ☐ **Camp 181 Association**, Box 965, Stn T, T2H 2H4. Dances, campouts, sports and other activities for lesbians and gays.
- ☐ **Calgary Lambda Centre Society**, Box 357, Stn M, T2P 2H9.
- ☐ **Calgary Gay Fathers**, Contact GIRC for info.
- ☐ **Dignity/Calgary**, Box 1492, Stn T, T2H 2H7.
- ☐ **Frontrunners Group** (gay AA), Box 181, Stn M, T2P 2M7.
- ☐ **Gay Fathers**, Info: contact GIRC Potluck first Sun of the month.
- ☐ **Gay Information and Resources Calgary**, Old Y Bldg, Stes 317-323, 223 12 Ave SW, T2P 0G9, (403) 234-8973. Info and counselling Mon-Fri, 7-10 pm. Dances, discussion groups, news- letter, gay rights action. Write: Box 2715, Stn M, T2P 3C1.
- ☐ **Gay Leisure Link**, Non-challenging, non-sexual social organiza- tion Box 1812, Stn M, T2P 2L8
- ☐ **Gay Political Action Committee**, c/o Box 2943, Stn M, T2P 3C3. Education and lobbying.
- ☐ **Imperial Court of the Chinook Arch**, (403) 282-6393. Entertain- ments and social events.
- ☐ **Integrity (Gay Anglicans and their Friends)**, c/o Box 34, Stn G, T3A 2G1.
- ☐ **Lambda Centre**, community centre project. Box 357, Stn M, T2P 2H9
- ☐ **Lesbian Information Line**, (403) 265-9458, Tues-Fri, 8-10 pm, with 24 hr answering service. Operated by Womyn's Collective.
- ☐ **Lesbian Mothers**, Lynn at (403) 264-6328 or 275-8362, or call LIL. Potluck first Sun of each month.
- ☐ **Lesbian Outreach and Support Team**, Box 6093, Stn A, T2H 2L4, (403) 281-2895.
- ☐ **Lesbians and Gays at University of Calgary**, Students Club, MacEwan Hall, U of Calgary, T2N 1N4.
- ☐ **Metropolitan Community Church**, 204-16 Ave, NW, T2M 0H4 (403) 277-4004. Services Sun 11:30 am and 7 pm at above address.
- ☐ **Right To Privacy Committee**, Box 2943, Stn M, T2P 3C3. Info on gays and the law, legal referrals.
- ☐ **Womyn's Collective**, (403) 265-9458. Dances, library, lesbian drop-ins every Tues. Sponsors LIL.

Edmonton

- ☐ **Dignity Edmonton Dignité**, Box 53, T5B 2B7
- ☐ **Edmonton Roughnecks Recreation Association**, c/o GATE Vol- leyball, softball, gymnastics
- ☐ **Gay Alliance Toward Equality**, Box 1852, T5J 2P2. Office 10173-104 St (403) 424-8361. Info and counselling, Mon-Sat, 710 pm, Sun 2-5 pm. Also coffeehouses, socials, newsletter, resource library
- ☐ **Gay Fathers & Lesbian Mothers** For info call (403) 424-8361.
- ☐ **Inter/Ed**, Box 126, 9820-104 St, T5K 0Z1 (403) 421-7629 (Jim)
- ☐ **Integrity (Gay Anglicans and Their Friends)**, c/o 126, 9820-104 St, T5K 0Z1 (403) 421-7629
- ☐ **Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton**, Box 1312, T5J 2M8 (403) 482-4213 Worship Sun at 7:30 pm, Unitarian Church, 12530-110 Ave
- ☐ **Privacy Defence Committee**, c/o Box 1852, T5J 2P2.
- ☐ **Womanspace**, No 7, 8406-104 St, T6E 4G2 (403) 433-3559 (Jeanne) Social & recreational group for lesbians.

Red Deer

- ☐ **Gay Association of Red Deer**, Box 356, T4N 5E9

SASKATCHEWAN

Provincial

- ☐ **Affirm/Saskatchewan**, lesbians and gays in the United Church 422 Smallwood Cres, Saskatoon, S7L 4S4
- ☐ **Dignity/Saskatchewan** (gay Catholics and friends), Box 3181, Regina S4P 3G7
- ☐ **Gay Rights Subcommittee, Saskatchewan Association for Human Rights** 305-116 3rd Ave S, Saskatoon, S7K 1L5 (306) 244-1933

Prince Albert

- ☐ **Prince Albert Gay Community Centre**, The Zodiac Club), Box 1893 S6V 6J9 1-24 10th St, E (306) 922-4650 Phone line Wed- Thurs, 8-10 pm, social evenings Fri-Sat, 10 pm - 2 am

Regina

- ☐ **Rumours (gay community centre)**, 2069 Broad St (back en- trance), (306) 522-7343.
- ☐ **Regina Women's Community and Rape Crisis Centre**, 219-1810 Smith St, S4P 2N3, (306) 522-2777, 352-7688.

Saskatoon

- ☐ **Gay & Lesbian Support Services**, 217-116 3rd Ave S. Operates Gayline Mailing address: Box 8581.
- ☐ **Gay/Lesbian Community Centre**, Box 1662, S7K 3R8. Phone Gayline for info on dance and special event locations and dates.
- ☐ **Gayline**, (306) 665-9129, Mon-Thurs, 7:30-10:30 pm. Counsel- ling, support groups available.
- ☐ **Lutherans Concerned**, Box 8187, S7K 6C5.
- ☐ **Stubble Jumper Press**, 21-303 Queen St, S7K 0M1.

MANITOBA

Provincial

- ☐ **Manitoba Gay Coalition**, Box 27, UMSU, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg R3T 2N2, (204) 269-8678.

Brandon

- ☐ **Gay Friends of Brandon**, Box 492, R7A 5Z4, (204) 727-4046.

Portage-la-Prairie

- ☐ **8i-Women's Support Group**, Box 820, R1N 3C3, (204) 857-5295. For bisexual women.

Thompson

- ☐ **Gay Friends of Thompson**, Box 157, R8N 1N2, (204) 677-5833 (8-10 pm, Tues and Thurs).

Winnipeg

- ☐ **Affirm: Gays and Lesbians of the United Church**, 453-3984 (Eric) or 452-2853 (Dave).
- ☐ **Council on Homosexuality and Religion**, Box 1912, R3C 3R2, (204) 269-8678, 772-8215. Worship, counselling, library.
- ☐ **Dignity/Winnipeg**, Box 1912, R3C 3R2.
- ☐ **Gay AA New Freedom Group**, Box 2481, or contact through Man- itoba Central Office, (204) 233-3508.
- ☐ **Gay AlAnon Group**, Info: Gays for Equality
- ☐ **Gay Community Centre**, 277 Sherbrooke St, (204) 786-1236. In- corporating Giovanni's Room, a café for lesbians and gay men. Open every day at 5:30 pm, Sun at 1 pm. Fully licensed.
- ☐ **Gay Parents**, c/o Gays for Equality.
- ☐ **Gays for Equality**, Box 27, UMSU, U of Manitoba, R3T 2N2, (204) 269-8678. Offices at Community Centre and U of M (Rm 102S, Univ Centre). Counselling, info, rap sessions, public educa- tion and law reform. Lesbian counsellors on Tues evenings.
- ☐ **Lesbian Drop-In**, Thurs, 7-10 pm at 730 Alexander Ave. Enter- tainment & coffee.
- ☐ **Lesbian Line**, (204) 774-0007, Thurs, 7:30-10 pm.
- ☐ **Mutual Friendship Society, Inc**, Box 427, R3C 2H6, (204) 774-3576. Social and educational programmes. Operates Happenings Social Club, 272 Sherbrook St.
- ☐ **Oscar Wilde Memorial Society**, Box 2221, R3C 3R5. Variety of social, cultural and educational activities.
- ☐ **Project Lambda, Inc**, gay community services, Box 3911, Stn 8, R2W 5H9, (204) 942-1983.
- ☐ **Winnipeg Gay Media Collective**, Box 27, UMSU, U of Manitoba, R3T 2N2, (204) 269-8678. Produces "Coming Out," weekly half- hour cable cast (Thurs, 11 pm, Channel 13W).
- ☐ **Winnipeg Gay Youth**, c/o GFE.
- ☐ **University of Winnipeg Gay Students Association**, Info: (204) 269-8678.
- ☐ **Yourself**, Box 2790, R3C 3R5. For bisexual men and women.

ONTARIO

Provincial

- ☐ **Coalition for Gay Rights in Ontario**, Box 822, Stn A, Toronto M5W 1G3, (416) 533-6824.

Cambridge

- ☐ Want to start a group? Please write Box 1496, N1R 7G7

Ear Falls/Red Lake Area

- ☐ **Ear Falls Gays**, Box 487, Ear Falls, POV 1T0, (807) 222-2185

Georgetown

- ☐ **Georgetown Gay Friends**, Box 223, L7G 4T1, (416) 877-0228.
- ☐ **Homophiles of Halton Hills**, 35 Lynden Circle, L7G 4Y7, (416) 877-5524. Drop-ins every Wed.

Guelph

- ☐ **Guelph Gay Equality**, Box 773, N1H 6L8. Gayline. (519) 836-4550, 24 hrs.

Hamilton

- ☐ **Alcoholics Anonymous (Gay)**, meets Sat at 8 pm at 15 Queen St S (side entrance).
- ☐ **Gay Archives/History Project for Hamilton-Wentworth**, (416) 639-6050 Looking for photos, clippings, personal accounts of gay life and liberation in Hamilton, especially pre-1979
- ☐ **Gay Fathers of Hamilton** Support, advice. Meets twice a month. Call Gayline for info.
- ☐ **Gayline Hamilton**, info on all groups and activities, peer counsel- ling (416) 523-7055 Wed-Fri, 7-11 pm.
- ☐ **Gay Women's Collective**, c/o Gayline. Meets 2nd Mon of month.
- ☐ **Hamilton United Gay Societas (HUGS)**, a meeting of men and women, young and old, with discussions and speakers. Meets on alternate Weds, Gay Community Centre, Suite 207, 41 King William St, 7:30 pm Call Gayline for further info.
- ☐ **Address for all Hamilton groups listed above:** Box 44, Stn B, L8L 7T5
- ☐ **Metropolitan Community Church**, Box 344, Stn A, L8N 3C8 Service every Sun., 2:30 pm, 2nd floor sanctuary, First Place, 350 King St E

Kingston

- ☐ **Queen's Homophile Association**, 51 Queen's Crescent, Queen's University, K7L 2S7 (613) 547-2836, Mon-Fri, 7-9 pm. Drop-in Thurs nights, monthly dances.

- ☐ **Sappho-Wilde House**, 1 Aberdeen St, K7L 3M9 Gay and lesbian co-op, provides space for artistic, social and political activities.

Kitchener/Waterloo

- ☐ **Gay Liberation of Waterloo**, c/o Federation of Students, U of Waterloo, Waterloo N2L 3G1, (519) 884-GLOW. Coffeehouse every Wed at 8:30 pm, Campus Ctr, rm 110.
- ☐ **Gay News and Views**, radio programme, Tues, 6-8 pm, CKMS-FM, 94.5 MHz, 105.7 MHz on Grand River Cable. 200 University Ave W, (519) 886-CKMS.
- ☐ **Gays of Wilfrid Laurier University**, c/o GLOW.
- ☐ **1/2 & 1/2 Club**, 223 1/2 King St (enter from Halls Lane), (519) 742-9987. Private disco club, licensed. Thurs-Sat, 8 pm-3 am.
- ☐ **International Women's Day Committee**, Box 1491, Stn C, Kit- chener, N2G 4P2.
- ☐ **Kitchener-Waterloo Gay Media Collective**, Box 2741, Stn B, Kit- chener, N2H 6N3, (519) 579-3325.
- ☐ **Leaping Lesbians**, radio programme, Thurs, 6 to 8 pm, CKMS-FM, 94.5 MHz, 105.7 MHz cable. Write c/o LOOK.
- ☐ **Lesbian Organization of Kitchener**, Box 2422, Stn B, Kitchener N2H 6M3, (519) 744-4863. Womyns coffeehouse first Thurs of month at 85 Highland Rd W, Kitchener.

London

- ☐ **Gay Youth London**, c/o HALO. Meets Thurs at 7 pm, 2nd floor, 649 Colborne St, (519) 433-3762.
- ☐ **Gayline**, (519) 679-6423. Info 24 hrs/day. Peer counselling Mon and Thurs, 7-10 pm.
- ☐ **Homophile Association of London, Ontario (HALO)**, 649 Colborne St, N6A 3Z2, (519) 433-3762. Coffee House: Sun and Mon, 7-10 pm. Disco/Bar: Fri and Sat, 9 pm -1:30 am.
- ☐ **Metropolitan Community Church**, Box 4724, Stn D, N5W 5L7. Services Sun, 7:30 pm at Unitarian Church, 29 Victoria St W, north entrance to Gibbons Park. Info: Worship Coordinator, (519) 433-9939. Rides: (519) 432-9690.

Mississauga/Brampton

- ☐ **GEM: Gay Community Outreach**, Box 62, Brampton L6V 2K7.
- ☐ **Gayline West**, (416) 453-GGCO. Peer counselling.
- ☐ **Parents of Gays Mississauga**, c/o Anne Rutledge, 3323 Kings Mastings Cres, L5L 1G5, (416) 820-5130.

Niagara Region

- ☐ **Gayline**, (416) 354-3173.
- ☐ **Gay Unity Niagara**, Box 692, Niagara Falls L2E 6V5.
- ☐ **Gay Trails**, for lesbians and gay men who enjoy hiking. Day and overnight trips planned. Visitors welcome. Write Gay Trails, Box 1053, MP0, St Catharines, L2R 7A3, or call (416) 685-6431 before 9 am.

North Bay

- ☐ **Caring Homosexuals Association of North Bay**, Box 649, Callander POH 1H0, (705) 472-0909.

Ottawa

- ☐ **Dignity/Ottawa/Dignité**, Box 2102, Stn D, K1P 5W3.
- ☐ **Gay People at Carleton**, c/o CUSA, Carleton University. For more info, call (613) 238-1717.
- ☐ **Gays of Ottawa/Gais de l'Outaouais**, Box 2919, Stn D, K1P 5W9, GO Centre, 175 Lisgar St: open 7:30-10:30 pm Mon-Thurs. Thurs: lesbian drop-in, 8 pm; Fri: social, 7:30 - 1 am; Sat: women's night, 7:30 pm - 1 am; Sun: AA Live & Let Live group, 8 pm. Gay- line: (613) 238-1717 Mon-Fri 7:30-10:30 pm, recording other times. Office: (613) 233-0152.
- ☐ **Gay Youth Ottawa/Hull/Jeunesse Gai(e) d'Ottawa/Hull**. For info call or write Gays of Ottawa. Meeting/drop-in, Wed 8 pm, 175 Lisgar St.
- ☐ **Integrity/Ottawa**, (gay Anglicans and their friends) c/o St George's Anglican Church, 152 Metcalfe St, K2P 1N9. (613) 235-2516, 9-5, Mon-Fri. Meets 2nd and 4th Weds at 7:30 pm, at St George's.
- ☐ **Lesbiennes et gais du campus/Lesbians and Gays on Campus**, c/o SFUO, 85 rue Hastey Street, K1N 6N5.
- ☐ **Live and Let Live Group** for gay alcoholics. Contact GO.
- ☐ **Metropolitan Community Church**, Box 2979, Stn D, K1P 5W9, (613) 232-0241.
- ☐ **Parents of Gays**, Box 9094, K1G 3T8.

Peterborough

- ☐ **Gays and Lesbians at Trent and Peterborough**, 262 Rubidge St, K9J 3P2, (705) 742-6229. Office hours: 7:30-10 pm, Tues-Thurs. Gay Alcoholics Anonymous meets (closed group) Tues at 2 pm.

Sudbury

- ☐ **Sudbury Lesbians and Gays (SLAG)**, Box 395, Stn B, P3E 4P6, (705) 675-5711.

Thunder Bay

- ☐ **Northern Women's Centre**, 316 Bay St, P7B 1S1, (807) 345-7802.
- ☐ **Gays of Thunder Bay**, Box 2155, P7B 5E8, (807) 345-8011, Wed and Fri 7:30-9:30 pm. Recording other times. Meets Tues. Dances held monthly.

Toronto

- For information on groups in Toronto, check **Out In The City**.

Windsor

- ☐ **Gay/Lesbian Information Line**, Box 7002, Sandwich Postal Stn, N9C 3YC, (519) 973-4951.
- ☐ **Integrity**, (gay/lesbian Anglicans), c/o Box 7002, Sandwich Postal Stn, N9C 3Y6, (519) 973-4951.
- ☐ **Lesbian and Gay Students on Campus**, c/o Students' Activities Council, U of Windsor, (519) 973-4951. Rap sessions weekly.
- ☐ **Lesbian/Gay Youth Group**, c/o Box 7002, Sandwich Postal Stn, N9C 3Y6, (519) 973-4951.

QUEBEC

Charlevoix

- ☐ **Association pour les droits des gais de Charlevoix**, CP 724, Cler- mont, G0T 1C

Lennoxville

□ **Gay Students' Alliance**, Box 631, Bishop's University/Champlain Regional College, J1M 1Z7. (819) 563-2230.

Montreal

□ **Affirmer**, CP 471, succ La Cité, H2N 2N9. Gays in the United Church.

□ **Aide aux transsexuels du Québec**, CP 363, succ C, H2J 4K3. (514) 521-9302.

□ **Alme-toi (AA)**, 6518, rue St-Vallier, H2S 2P7. (514) 524-5821. For gay and lesbian alcoholics.

□ **Alpha Kira Fraternity**, c/o Gay Info.

□ **Alternatives**, 3440 chemin de la Côte-des-Neiges, H2J 1L2. For gay male drug abusers.

□ **Association communautaire homosexuelle de l'Université de Montréal**, pavillon Lionel-Groulx, 3200 Jean-Brillant, local 1267, H3T 1N8. (514) 342-9236 (Jean-Pierre).

□ **Association pour les droits des gais et lesbiennes du Québec (ADGLD)**, CP 36, succ C, H2L 4J7. Bureau: 263 est rue Ste-Catherine. (514) 843-8671. Mon-Fri, 7:30-10 pm, Fri, 1-4 pm.

□ **Association pour les bonnes gens sourdes**, CP 764, succ R, H2J 3M4.

□ **Atelier de théâtre gai**, Cégep Rosemont, 6400 16e Ave, local A-418 (Michel Breton).

□ **The Capables**, Box 966, succ H, H3G 2M9. (514) 486-4404. Support group for bisexual men.

□ **Le Collectif du triangle rose**, CP 893, succ La Cité, H2W 2P5.

□ **Comité d'auto-défense gai**, c/o ADGLD.

□ **Comité gai-e du Cégep du Vieux-Montreal**, 255 est, Ontario, H2X 3M8. Mon, 6 pm.

□ **Comité de soutien aux accusés de Truxx**, a/s Librairie L'Androgyne (see below).

□ **Communauté homophile chrétienne**, Centre Newman, 3484 rue Peel, H3A 1W8. (514) 382-8467. For Catholics.

□ **Contact-I-nous**, (514) 861-6753. Venereal disease treatment.

□ **Côte à Côte**, gay couples group, c/o Gay Info.

□ **Côte à Côte**, Radio centre-ville CINO (102.3 FM). (514) 288-1601. Mon, 4 pm.

□ **Dignity Montréal Dignité**, Centre Newman, 3484 rue Peel, H3A 1W8. (514) 392-6711. For gay Catholics.

□ **Dignity/Dignité Groupe Cartierville**, (514) 336-4163 (Jean-François).

□ **Éditions Homeux**, CP 245, succ N, H2X 3M4.

□ **Eglise Communautaire de Montréal, Montreal Community Church**, CP 610, succ NDG, H4A 3R1. (514) 489-7845.

□ **Fédération canadienne des transsexuels pour le Québec**, 16 rue Viau, Vaudreuil J7V 1A7.

□ **Femmes gais de McGill**, 3480, rue McTavish, H3A 1X9. (514) 392-8920.

□ **Gai-écoute (hommes)**, (514) 843-5652. Wed-Sat, 7-11 pm.

□ **Gay Fathers of Montreal**, c/o Gay Info.

□ **Gay Health Clinic**, Montreal Youth Clinic/Clinique des Jeunes de Montréal, 3465 Peel Street, H3A 1X1. (514) 842-8576. General practice, Mon-Fri, 9-5 pm; open until 8 pm Mon & Fri only. Closed daily 12:30-1:30 pm.

□ **Gay Info**, CP 1164, succ H, H3G 2N1. (514) 486-4404, Thurs-Fri, 7-11 pm. Recorded message other times.

□ **Gayline**, c/o Gay Social Services Project, 5 rue Weredale Park, Westmount, H3Z 1Y5. (514) 931-5330 (women), Thurs and Sat, 7-11 pm; 931-8668 (men), 7 days a week, 7-11 pm. Info and counselling in English.

□ **Gay People of McGill**, 3480 rue McTavish, local 411, H3A 1X9. (514) 392-8912. Meets Thurs at 7:30 in rm 425/26.

□ **Gay Social Services Project**, 5 rue Weredale Pk, Westmount H3Z 1Y5. (514) 937-9581.

□ **Le Godard (AA)**, 4652 rue Jeanne-Mance. (514) 728-3228. For lesbian and gay alcoholics.

□ **Groupe de discussion pour lesbiennes**, 5 Weredale Park, H3Z 1Y5. (514) 932-9581 (Joanne Stitt).

□ **Groupe des médecins gais/gales**, CP 442, succ La Cité, H2W 2N9.

□ **Groupe pour lesbiennes alcooliques (AA)**, 6517 rue St-Dennis.

□ **Integrity: Gay Anglicans and their friends**, Box 562, Verdun H4G 3E4. (514) 766-9623.

□ **Jeunesse Lambda Youth**, c/o The Yellow Door, 3625 rue Aylmer, 2nd floor, H2X 2C3.

□ **Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia**, c/o CUSA, Concordia University, 1455 boul de Maisonneuve ouest, H3G 1M8. (514) 879-8406. Office: room 307, 2070 MacKay, open 1-4 pm weekdays. Meetings Thurs at 4 pm in room H-333-6.

□ **Lesbiennes à l'écoute**, (514) 843-5661. CP 36, Succ C, H2L 4J7. Wed-Sat, 7-11 pm.

□ **Librairie l'Androgyne**, 3642 boul St Laurent, 2nd floor, H2X 2V4. (514) 842-4765.

□ **Ligue Lambda Inc**, CP 701, succ N, H2X 2N2. (514) 526-1967 (Claude) or 523-8026 (Donald). Sports group

□ **Naches (gay and lesbian Jews)**, CP 298, succ H, H3G 2K8. (514) 844-0863 or 488-0849. Meets at the Yellow Door, 3625 Aylmer St, Tues at 8 pm.

□ **Paralèles Lesbiennes et Gais**, radio C18L (104.5 FM) (514) 526-1489.

□ **Parents de gai(e)s/Parents of Gays**, c/o Gay Info.

□ **Priape**, 1661 est Ste-Catherine, H2L 2J5. (514) 521-8451.

□ **Productions 88**, CP 188, succ C, H2L 4K1.

□ **Rencontres Gais**, Éditions Homeux Enr, CP 245, succ N, H2X 3M4.

□ **La Rumeur des Berdaches**, radio programme, Mon 20h, C18L-mi, 104.5. CP 36, succ C, H2L 4J7. (514) 843-8671 or 526-1489.

□ **Services communautaires pour lesbiennes et gais du Centre des services sociaux Ville-Marie**, 5 Weredale Park, Westmount, H3Z 1Y5. (514) 937-9581 (Joanne Stitt).

□ **Survivors**, c/o Gay Info. English gay group for problem drinkers

□ **Transvesties à Montréal**, support for transvestites. c/o Gay Info

□ **United Church Gays and Lesbians in Québec/Les Gais et Lesbiennes de l'Eglise Unie au Québec**, c/o United Theological College, 3521 University St, H3A 2A9. (514) 392-6711.

□ **Vivre Gai(e) (AA)**, St Jean Anglican Church, 110 est, Ste Catherine, H2X 1Z6. (514) 733-0757.

Quebec

□ **Centre homophile d'aide et de libération**, 175 Prince-Édouard, G1R 4M8. (418) 523-4997.

□ **Groupe gai de l'Université Laval/Groupe des femmes gais de l'Université Laval**, CP 2500, Pavillon Lemieux, Cité universitaire, Ste-Foy, G1K 7P4.

□ **Groupe Unigai Inc**, CP 152, succ Haute-Ville G1R 4P3. Social and cultural activities for men and women. (418) 522-2555.

□ **L'Heure Gai**, Pavillon De Koninck, Cité Universitaire, Sainte-Foy. Radio program CKRL-FM, 89.1 MHz, Thurs 7 pm.

□ **Ligue Mardi-Gai**, (418) 529-6973 (Jean Claude Roy).

□ **Télégai**, (418) 522-2555. Gay info, Mon-Fri, 7-11 pm. Recorded message other times.

Sherbrooke

□ **L'Association communautaire gaie de l'Estrie**, CP 1374, J1H 5L9.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton

□ **Fredericton Lesbians and Gays**, Box 1556, Stn A, E3B 5G2. (506) 457-2156. Meets 2nd Wed of month.

Moncton

□ **Gais et Lesbiennes de Moncton**, CP 7102, Riverview, Nouveau Brunswick.

Western NB

□ **Northern Lambda Nord**, Box 990, Caribou, Maine 04736 USA. Serving Western NB and Northern Maine (Madawaska/Victoria/Carlton, NB; Témiscouata, Quebec; and Aroostook, Maine). Gay phone-line: (207) 498-6556.

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Halifax

□ **The Alternate Bookshop**, 1588 Barrington St, 2nd floor. Mailing address: Box 276, Stn M, B3J 2N7. (902) 423-3830 or 422-4545.

□ **Gay Alliance for Equality Inc**, Box 3611, Halifax South Postal Stn, B3J 3K6. (902) 429-4294.

□ **Gay Artists Musicians Entertainers Society (GAMES) et Atlantic Canada**, Box 3611, South Stn, B3J 3K6.

□ **Gayline**, (902) 429-6969, Mon-Wed, 7-9 pm, Thurs-Sat, 7-10 pm. Info, referrals and peer counselling. Operated by GAE.

□ **Gay Youth Society of Halifax**. Info: Gayline or 422-4545 (Mon).

□ **Lesbian Drop-In**, 2nd and 4th Fri of month, 1225 Barrington St. Info: 429-4063. Music and conversation.

□ **Live and Let Live Group**, for gay alcoholics. Phone or write GAE.

□ **Sparrow**, (gay and lesbian Christians and friends), c/o Hope Cottage, 2435 Brunswick St, B3K 2Z4. Meets Sun at 8 pm, 2435 Brunswick St. Coffeehouse Sun at The Turret, 9 pm-1 am. (902) 429-7968.

□ **The Turret Gay Community Centre**, 1588 Barrington St. (902) 423-6814. Write: Box 3611, Halifax South Postal Stn, B3J 3K6.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Provincial

□ **Gay Association in Newfoundland**, Box 1364, Stn C, St John's, A1C 5N5.

PUBLICATIONS

□ **Action! Right to Privacy Committee**, 730 Bathurst St, M5S 2R4.

□ **Le Bardache**, CP 36, Succ C, Montréal, PQ H2L 4J7. (514) 843-8671.

□ **The Body Politic**, Box 7289, Stn A, Toronto, ON M5W 1X9. (416) 977-6320.

□ **CHANB Bulletin**, Box 649, Callander, ON P0H 1H0.

□ **Circuit**, 1-134 Carlton St, Toronto, ON M5A 2K1. 922-0878 (editorial), 964-1957 (business).

□ **Communiqué**, Box 990, Caribou, Maine 04736, USA.

□ **FLAGMAG**, Box 1556, Stn A, Fredericton, NB E3B 5G2.

□ **Flagrant**, Box 652, Stn E, Victoria, BC V8W 2P8. Lesbian feminist.

□ **The Gay Gleaner**, Box 1852, Edmonton, AB T5J 2P2.

□ **Gay Information Calgary**, No 317, 223 - 12 Ave, SW, Calgary, AB T2R 0G9.

□ **Gay Niagara News**, Box 692, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6V5.

□ **Gay Phoenix**, Box 44, Stn B, Hamilton, ON L8L 7T5. (416) 639-6050.

□ **GAZE**, Gay/Lesbian Community Centre, Box 1662, Saskatoon, S7R 3R8.

□ **GEM Journal**, Box 62, Brampton, ON L6V 2K7.

□ **GLW Newsletter**, c/o Federation of Students, U of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1.

□ **GO Info**, Gays of Ottawa/Gais de l'Outaouais, Box 2919, Stn D, Ottawa, ON K1P 5W9.

□ **Guelph Gay Equality Newsletter**, Box 773, Guelph, ON N1H 6L8.

□ **HALO Newsletter**, 649 Colborne Street, London, ON N6A 3Z2.

□ **International Justice Monthly**, c/o RR 4, Harrow, ON N0R 1G0.

□ **Lesbian/Lesblenne**, Box 70, Stn F, Toronto, ON M4Y 2L4.

□ **Making Waves: An Atlantic Quarterly for Lesbians and Gay Men**, Box 8953, Station A, Halifax, NS B3K 5M6.

□ **La Mensuelle ça s'attrape!!**, a lesbian monthly. CP 771, Succ C, Montreal, PQ H2L 4L6.

□ **Network Victoria**, Dept 7, Box 4276, Stn A, Victoria, BC V8X 3X4. (902) 381-2225.

□ **The Radical Reviewer** (lesbian/feminist literary tabloid), Box 24953, Stn C, Vancouver, BC V5T 4E3.

□ **Rencontres Gais**, Éditions Homeux Enr, CP 245, Succ N, Montréal, QB H2X 3M4.

□ **Sortie**, CP 232, Succ C, Montreal, PQ H2L 4K1.

□ **Thompson Area Gay Group Newsletter**, Box 3343, Kamloops, BC V2C 6B9.

□ **Thunder Gay**, c/o Box 2155, Thunder Bay, ON.

□ **VGCC News**, Vancouver Gay Community Centre Society, Box 2259, MPQ, Vancouver, BC V6B 3W2. (604) 253-1258.

□ **Voices**, (for lesbian feminist/separatists), c/o I Andrews, RR 2, Kenora, ON P9N 3W8.

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I lied because I just couldn't face disappointing you, Brandon. You worked so hard, you loved my body and you even managed to cum when I "did." Though — more truth — I don't think you *really* came either, even though you moaned noisily about taking me all the way to the back of your throat and gobbling my cum till there wasn't a drop left. (Did you smoke afterwards, a friend of mine asked. Did he?)

Brandon was my first-ever Fantasy Friend. In fact, he was the first friend I've ever had who came with a very precise price tag — he cost exactly \$35, posted efficiently to my already-bloated VISA card. He would have been my friend for life if I'd arranged somehow never to hang up the phone, and you have to admit *that's* a bargain. The only other lifetime arrangement I know of is marriage, and it'll set you back a tidy sum more than \$35.

Brandon became my friend because I dialed 1-800-268-2238. (It turned out to be only a fifteen-minute friendship. Like I said, I wasn't really turned on. Maybe it was the satin sheets he talked about. Never could stand satin sheets.) That put me in touch with a nice lady receptionist at Telefantasy, who put me in touch with Brandon, after I answered her "What kind of fantasy would you like fulfilled?" with a vague and stammering, "I'd like to talk to a gay man...."

Telefantasy is a Toronto enterprise, one of several that the media have taken to calling telephone sex clubs. They prefer to think of themselves as a combination lonely hearts club and, yes, realizers by phone of any fantasy — deep, dark or otherwise — that you'd care to name. And to spend \$35 on; that's the standard fee. Managers of the services I talked to hasten to say sex isn't the *only* thing people call about, but they're equally frank establishing that fantasy playmates (yup, they're called that too) won't spend much of their time forced to talk about art or music or problems of bilateral disarmament. It's all perfectly legal, which apparently makes the Morality Bureau quite faint from frustration — fantasy friends and clients just can't ever meet in the flesh, so to speak, and the agencies all say they're very strict about that.

No Canadian agency I'm aware of is entirely gay, though at least two, Telefantasy and Arouse, have gay or bi employees and are trying to break into the gay market. Telefantasy's Bill Wallace says, of his thirty employees, his eight men are all either gay or bi. Gerry Goodis of Arouse says he has "two girls who can handle calls from lesbians," and he's got several gay men on line, too. All work out of their own homes and typically earn 30-40% of the fee the agency charges the caller. Wallace says take-home pay can average four to five hundred dollars a week — and that's from being on call a maximum ten hours a day, five days a week. "You've got to keep a



fresh attitude and a fresh sound," he says. Business is good. Telefantasy logs on average fifty calls a day — 75% from straight men, 5% from straight women, the rest pretty equally divided between gay men and lesbians. And can you really talk about *anything*? "No fantasy is forbidden," says Wallace, and if you want to get into doing it with a nine-year-old boy, that's just fine. Orgies? No problem. Telefantasy will provide up to seven people on line, each one a mere \$5 over the basic charge. "We've tried," he says, "to cover all the bases."

But back to Brandon and me. Maybe I like the rude, coarse suddenness of a call out of the blue with an authentically horny man at the end of the line — but Brandon just sounded a bit too polished, slithering around on those satin sheets, wanting to gobble my big pink cock (how'd he know you weren't black, my friend asked), and moaning as if Cal Culver has just sat on his face.

He was a nice guy, though. I talked to him "for real" afterwards. He's been doing this for about three months and gets to handle five to ten calls a day. He says he actually cums for many of them. "Everybody's different," he says. "I never get tired of it. I enjoy my work."

Now I want to tell you about Allan. Allan is studying Business and English at UCLA, but that's not what I'll really remember him for. I'll more likely recall his 10 1/2" dick (true, he told me later) and that I found him by calling an American phone-sex service, The Hot Line, also known as The Erection Connection, in Los Angeles.

If it's typically Canadian to have two services in Toronto that will consider gay clients, it's typically American to have not only exclusively gay services, but even ones that cater to special interests. Recently, the California-based gay paper *The Advocate* carried twenty-one display ads for agencies ranging all the way

from My World ("The total phone service for cultured men") to Peter's S&M Phone Action ("Beginner's consultation or extra heavy-duty") with stops in between at Dial-a-Load ("Top man. Deep Voice. Hairy Chest. Hard Pecs. Fat Dick. Huge Balls."), Roughrider ("Had enough of Urban Cowboys? Our studs are hung with Grade 'A' prime and are waiting to shoot off with you"), and the prissily illustrated but deliciously adjectival Jeremy's Pleasure Line ("Listen to our guys flexing, sweating and straining while their throbbing, greased rods get ready to unleash gobs of stud juice just for you").

I chose The Hot Line because they had a big ad and looked middle-of-the-road — I wasn't sure I was ready for gobs of stud juice. I settled on a fantasy I've never had, that I was a thirteen-year-old boy at summer camp who would have his first gay experience with his camp counselor. I took eight inches of hard plastic into my hand and dialed. A friendly American voice answered, took my name, address, phone number and VISA card info, asked about my fantasy, said Uh-huh when I told him, asked how old the fantasy playmate should be, hairy or smooth, cut or uncut, blond or dark, dominant or passive, and whether I wanted lots of sucking or lots of fucking or did it matter? A bit of both, I said. Uh-huh. Hang up, he said. Somebody'll call you in five minutes. Five minutes later the operator called to say I had a collect call from Allan in Los Angeles and would I accept the charges? I would.

"Hi, Gerry" (I thought Gerry sounded more thirteen-year-old). "I'm Allan. I'm twenty-four, I've got black, curly hair, I'm six feet tall, blue eyes, chest hair, pees with good definition. You know, I've been noticing you around the camp this summer, Gerry. You're a bit different from the other guys and I like you a whole lot. I've been

watching you swim and I think you could be a real great swimmer, but I think you need a little help with your stroke. It's a rainy afternoon; why don't you come back to my cabin and I'll give you a few pointers."

Well, I'm glad I went; Allan was great. We had a long, slow talk that built up the dramatic situation in convincing detail and I could say as much or as little as I wanted. Mostly I commented "sure" or "that's a good idea," or "come on, nobody's got one *that* big," and lay out on the floor playing with myself and slowly jerking off. He asked to see my stroke. The swim variety, I mean, and said maybe it would be easier for him to suggest improvements if we took off our shirts ("Hey, your pecs aren't bad, Gerry") and then, hell, he said, it'd be even better if he could stand behind me and put his arms out over mine to guide me. "Sorry about that bump up against your ass, Gerry, but when you've got 10 1/2" it's hard to keep it out of the way."

It consistently amazed me how seriously he took the "fact" that this was to be my first homosexual experience. The situation heated up real slowly, the first sexual hint coming well on in the conversation, a joking jockey reference to the hair under my arms: "I'll bet that's not the *only* place you've got hair!", and the voice and tone were always reassuring, never pushy. When the talk finally got sexually explicit, he repeated several times that this was normal, there was nothing to be ashamed of, that men could do this to each other and there was nothing wrong. If I wanted, I could just take the head of his cock in my mouth and he wouldn't push it in any further, and when the time finally came for me to get fucked he eased it in real slow and kept asking if it hurt. Frankly, by this time I'd stopped pretending to be thirteen and worried, and just wanted every one of those twenty-seven centimetres (I forgot to tell him we'd gone metric up here) right up my bum.

So I came (though it's a real bother having to devote one hand to the damn receiver) and he said *he* came (though I don't really believe it and I don't know why) and then we just chatted for another quarter hour. I found out he was a student and part-time model who'd been at this for six months. He found out Toronto was not a suburb of Montreal.

Allan said I should look him up if I'm ever in Los Angeles, but I don't think I will. I know what happens to fantasies when the lights come on. And I don't think I'll call again; thirty-five bucks is a bit much. I can always go back to jerking off in front of a mirror, excited by how wicked I am to have my pants off.

But if you like hot talk on the phone and you've got the bucks, these guys'll get you off. Or some of them. And if you really are thirteen, or if you're stuck in godknowswhere or in some marriage you can't or don't want to get out of and you want to meet somebody but there's nobody, then — and I wish you didn't have to pay — they're there, twenty-four hours a day every day of the year. And here's a special wish for you, you thirteen-year-old who's dying-for-it: I hope you get Allan.

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